

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

1953



NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Edgar J. Livingston

Town Clerk

Josephine S. Haskell

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Slate

Selectmen

Ernest A. Parker, Chmn.	Term expires February 1954
Luman A. Barber	Term expires February 1955
William M. Marshall	Term expires February 1956

Assessors

Ernest A. Parker	Term expires February 1954
Fred S. Merrifield, Chmn. (deceased)	Term expires February 1955
Clifford A. Field	Term expires February 1956

Tax Collector

Roy J. Fish	Term expires February 1954
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School Committee

Roy J. Fish	Term expires February 1954
Louis M. Abbey	Term expires February 1955
Irving J. Lawrence, Chmn.	Term expires February 1956

Library Trustees

C. Ina Merriman—resigned	Term expires February 1954
Lillian G. Wells, appointed	Term expires February 1954
Winthrop W. Sanderson	Term expires February 1954
Horace H. Morse	Term expires February 1955
Gwendolyn O. Leavis	Term expires February 1955
Louise R. Reeves	Term expires February 1956
Luman A. Barber	Term expires February 1956

Cemetery Commissioners

Ellwyn E. Miller—resigned	Term expires February 1954
Murray M. Hammond, appointed	Term expires February 1954
Carlton W. Holton	Term expires February 1955
David G. Quinn	Term expires February 1956

Tree Warden

Frank W. Anderson Term expires February 1954

Constables

Paul E. Chamberlin Term expires February 1954
Joseph G. Morgan Term expires February 1954
Martin E. Vorce Term expires February 1954
Murray M. Hammond—Farms resident
 Term expires February 1954

Planning Board

Fred I. Bolton Term expires February 1954
William E. Park Term expires February 1955
Fred A. Holton Term expires February 1956
F. Wilton Dean Term expires February 1957
George M. Leonard Term expires February 1958

Accountant

Helen M. Stearns Term expires July 1955

Chief of Fire Department

Dwight P. Stearns Term expires 1954

Forest Fire Warden

Andrew Gray—resigned Term expires 1954
Dwight P. Stearns—appointed Term expires 1954

Deputy Fire Wardens for 1953

Clifford L. Bolton Dwight P. Stearns Carlton W. Holton
Laurence M. Hammond Edward C. Bolton
Hermon B. Fisher Charles R. Browning
Winthrop W. Sanderson

Superintendent of Roads

Kenneth L. Miller Term expires April 1954

Gypsy Moth Agent

Frank W. Anderson Term expires 1954

Public Weighers for 1953

George O. Dunnell Burton Kelley Roy A. Barrows
Clarence H. Spaulding F. Myron Dunnell
Fred B. Kelley Leonard W. Stebbins
Dean W. Williams

Inspector of Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering for 1953

Horace W. Bolton

Sealer of Weights and Measures for 1953

Warren A. Randall

Cattle Inspector

Gilbert S. Hammond Term expires April 1954

Fence Viewers for 1953

Luckey O. Clapp Carlton W. Holton
Laurence M. Hammond

Surveyors of Wood and Timber for 1953

James E. Dresser Fred I. Bolton

Field Drivers for 1953

Norman Randall Eugene L. Hammond
Ralph Miller

Dog Officer for 1953

Gilbert S. Hammond

Pound Keeper for 1953

Dr. George A. Bronson

Registrars of Voters

Edward F. Hurley Term expires 1954
Charles D. Streeter Term expires 1955
Laurence M. Hammond Term expires 1956
Josephine S. Haskell

Finance Committee

A. Gordon Moody Term expires February 1954
Ross L. Spencer Term expires February 1954
Dorothy L. Miller Term expires February 1955
William E. Park Term expires February 1955
Roger M. Greenwood Term expires February 1956
Ellwyn E. Miller Term expires February 1956

Election Officers for 1953

James R. Dale Helen M. Stearns
Katherine E. Callaghan Ralph B. Holton
Flora C. Abbey Frank W. Anderson
Edna Bistrek Daisy R. Holton

Substitutes for 1953

Willis K. Parker Helen Greene
Harrison G. Stacy Mary G. Parker

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield submit the following reports of the various departments for the past year ending December 31, 1953.

Road work has been confined mostly to routine channels, with nothing of especial significance to report.

A full accounting of the work of the several departments will be found on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST A. PARKER

LUMAN A. BARBER

WILLIAM M. MARSHALL

Selectmen.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

Births Recorded in 1953

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
1952		
—December		
15—	Vielmetti, Timothy George	Jacob E. and Marion B.
30—	Bettis, Terry Rodney	Rodney E. and Virginia M.
1953		
—January		
5—	Fritz, Elizabeth Anne	Martin G. and Sophie H.
12—	Barber, Steven Jay	Julian S. and Helen V.
26—	Svetaka, Marjorie May	Vincent A. and Helen A.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
—February	
7—Brown, Beatrice Ann	Joseph and Geraldine
8—Plotczyk, Michael Stephen	Valentine P. and Esther J.
—March	
7—Morgan, Kathleen Louise	Edmond M. and Rua L.
9—Given, Gregory Kenneth	Sidney H., Jr. and Phyllis E.
—April	
16—Jones, Katherine Hale	Douglas A. and Martha
22—Callaghan, Frances Elizabeth	James I. and Virginia M.
—May	
6—Woods, Carlton Magoun III	Carlton M., Jr. and Nancy
7—Black, Brenda Lee	John H. and Sacca L.
9—Hale, Cheryl Ann	James E. and Doris E.
16—Kimball, Marjorie Helen	Norman D. and Hazel
19—Clark, Kathleen Mary	Walter R., Jr. and Genevieve
26—Thompson, Sheila Diane	Robert T. and Florence A.
—June	
1—Chapin, Mary	Robert R. and Mary M.
12—Johnson, Hannah Duston	Robert F. and Abigail C. C.
20—Randall, Jonathan Wayne	Lawrence H. and Lois M.
—July	
11—Huber, Richard Gilman, Jr.	Richard G. and Portia M.
14—Perry, Ernest Mark	Robert J. and Blanche V.
26—Williams, Martha Jane	Howard E. and Edith L.
—August	
8—Bolton, Donald George	Arthur H., Jr. and Elizabeth
12—Clough, Pamela Helen	Charles R. and Helen E.
13—Dunnell, Floyd Myron III	Floyd M. and Shirley
19—St. Clair, Jonothan Charles	Robert M. and Elizabeth R.
26—Dembek, Edward John	John S. and Alice R.
—September	
7—Abbey, Kathleen Eva	Donald H. and Evelyn
21—Wilson, Linda Bartha	Frederick W. and Bertha
30—Goodnow, Douglas Gene	Robert L. and Jeanne
—October	
4—Page, Diane Jean	Bert P. and Ellen O.
10—Browning, Sheila Rae	Herman W. and Bertha B.
20—Higgins, Diane	Thomas C., Jr. and Millicent A.
20—Fisher, Constance Ann	Erwin C. and Shirley M.
25—Hartwell, Lou Ann	Harold E., Jr. and Rachel G.
27—McCassie, Roxanne Marie	Elbert W. and Ruth M.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
—November	
3—Smolen, Nancy Lee	Joseph and Edith M.
6—Miller, Donald Edward	Ralph E. and Jean
12—Boliski, Helen	Edward P. and Angela
12—Hartwell, Sandra Jean	Robert H. and Ruth
17—Stearns, Bonnie Lou	Dwight P. and Norma A.
—December	
1—Williams, Kenneth Bruce	Earl R. and Edith E.
8—Hopkins, Christopher Lowell	Charles L., Jr. and Violet M.

Marriages Recorded in 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
January			
3—	Addison, John Robert	Northfield, Mass.	
	Kirk, Emily Loveland	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
February			
8—	Truesdell, Richard Rollin	Leverett, Mass.	
	Brotherton, Dollie Evelyn	Amherst, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
16—	Winship, Ronald William	Farley, Erving	
	Fisher, Joan Agnes	Northfield, Mass.	Erving, Mass.
March			
1—	Dwight, David Anson	Northfield, Mass.	
	Deane, Mildred Louise	Bernardston, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
9—	Collis, Raymond Holly	Greenfield, Mass.	
	McIntire, Edith Mary	Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass. (Turners Falls)
23—	Phelps, Robert Seaver	Northfield, Mass.	
	Hale, Barbara Louise	Greenfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass. (Turners Falls)
April			
11—	Dembek, John Stanley	Northfield, Mass.	
	Grimes, Alice Rose	Chesterfield, N. H.	Montague, Mass. (Turners Falls)
May			
30—	Shattuck, William Ashley, Jr.	Greenfield, Mass.	
	Streeter, Muriel Jeane	Vernon, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
June			
13—	Barton, Arthur George Allen, Vera Caroline	Fort Lee, N. J. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
19—	Campbell, Thomas Forrest Hutchinson, Eleanor Lillian	Gill, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
20—	Roberts, Harvey Anthony, Jr. Turner, Marilyn Louise	No. Attleborough, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	No. Attleborough, Mass.
20—	Turner, Myron John Berlind, Anne Elizabeth	Ashland, Maine Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
July			
18—	Whitney, Warren Ernest Hartford, Phyllis Audrey	Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
August			
1—	Perez, Kenneth Lee Chapin, Patricia Elizabeth	Westfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
15—	Pettengill, John C. Gillespie, Carroll Packard	Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
22—	Dyer, George Blanding Spencer, Janet Elizabeth	Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
September			
12—	Jones, Alva Merle Gerrish, Fredecia Gale	Northfield, Mass. Bernardston, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
19—	Guerin, Alfred Lawrence Slocum, Harriett Emily	Hinsdale, N. H. Hinsdale, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
October			
31—	Wright, Kermit Barber, Marian	Hartford, Conn. Northfield, Mass.	Brattleboro, Vt.
November			
22—	Sayer, John Bradford Allen, Hazel Dolores	Greenfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.

Deaths Recorded in 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age-Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
1952				
December				
3—	Dollard, Vera	62	8	5
4—	Miller, William Davis	73	10	1
1953				
January				
4—	Smolen, Frank	69	5	18
11—	Chutter, Frances Elizabeth Harriet	81	8	6
11—	Horr, Jennie Mable	80	4	11
20—	Smolen, Stanislaus John	35	7	29
26—	Shaw, Frances Van Hoesen	86	—	—
31—	Tanski, Frederick William	62	10	—
February				
2—	Tomkins, Lottie A. Young	81	7	15
14—	Perry, Agnes O'Kane	76	2	4
21—	Norwich, Rose Florence March	84	7	18
27—	O'Hara, Peter	82	10	26
March				
4—	Ellis, Alwina Magdeline Haigis	85	11	28
5—	Whittier, Arthur B.	83	6	24
9—	Vorce, Martin Everett	76	11	12
10—	Golak, John	79	—	—
14—	Carter, Rose Forsha	84	4	24
April				
24—	Huber, Max W.	90	2	27
May				
4—	Hutchinson, Delbert Lewis	73	—	16
10—	Willey, Albert Alonzo	75	10	15
15—	Meany, Sarah Elizabeth Ward	88	7	5
15—	Payne, Catherine	48	—	—
18—	Merrifield, Fred Silas	88	10	14
June				
4—	Collier, Lucy Ellen Beard	62	10	14
July				
15—	Waite, Walter Howard	86	5	16
August				
3—	Curtis, Ruel Austin	70	6	1
13—	Blodgett, Ernest Chester	85	11	5
17—	Reed, Spencer A.	70	11	7
17—	Erb, John Rhoads	81	8	19

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age-Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
26—	Burgess, Josie M. Goodell	76	9	13
31—	Barrows, Walter Levi	85	—	6
September				
11—	Webster, Josephine Alexander	83	11	22
October				
1—	Fisher, Otis Simon	71	10	16
4—	Bronson, George Arthur	82	1	12
27—	Field, Mary Means	68	9	8
November				
2—	Whitaker, Winfred Hersey	78	4	24
December				
14—	Waite, Lucy A. Hammond	86	6	22
29—	Kidder, Minnie Putnam	77	10	22

Dogs Licensed in 1953

Male Dogs	176
Female	26
Female (Spayed)	88
Special Kennel (\$10)	8
Military	3
Transfers	0
	301

Sporting Licenses Issued in 1953

Resident Fishing	94
Resident Hunting	123
Resident Sporting	84
Resident Minor Fishing	32
Resident Women's Fishing	48
Spec. Non-Resident Fishing	15
Non-Resident Fishing	19
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	3
Resident Alien Fishing	1
Resident Trapping	1
Non-Resident Hunting	7
Resident Sporting (Free)	30
Resident Military (Free)	7
Duplicate	2
Old Age Fishing	2
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**Copy of the Votes taken on Articles in the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting, February 2, 1953
Town Election**

Four hundred and fifty-six votes were cast for the election of Town Officers with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	442
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	439
Selectman, 3 years	William M. Marshall	237
	George H. Sheldon	212
Assessor, 3 years	Clifford A. Field	307
	Winthrop E. Spencer	140
Moderator, 1 year	Edgar J. Livingston	321
	Charles Michael Repeta	124
School Committee, 3 years	Robert R. Chapin	186
	Irving J. Lawrence	259
Library Trustees, 3 years	Luman A. Barber	401
	Louise R. Reeves	372
Library Trustee, 2 years,	Gwendolyn O. Leavis	424
to fill vacancy		
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	David G. Quinn	487
Tree Warden, 1 year	Frank W. Anderson	415
Tax Collector, 1 year	Roy J. Fish	410
Constables at large, 1 year	Paul E. Chamberlin	422
	Joseph G. Morgan	409
	Martin E. Vorce	415
Constable, Northfield Farms	Murray M. Hammond	424
Resident, 1 year		
Planning Board Member, 5 years	George M. Leonard	403

The polls were closed at 8 o'clock; the ballots sorted and counted and the results announced.

The meeting was then closed to be reopened according to the warrant on Tuesday, February 3, 1953 at 7 o'clock.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,
Town Clerk.

**Copy of the Votes taken February 3, 1953 on the Articles
in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting**

Article 1. Voted: That the reports of the Town Officers be accepted as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a

period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953.

Article 3. Voted: To empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town.

Article 4. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the use of the library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,986.00 for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted: To fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows.

Selectmen and Welfare Boards:

Chairman of the Board.....	\$325.	\$75	Town Moderator	\$ 15.00
Second Member	275.	75	Treasurer	900.00
Third Member	275.	75	Tax Collector	750.00
			Town Clerk	500.00

Assessors:

First Member	\$250.
Second Member	250.
Third Member	250.

School Committee:

Chairman	\$100.00
Second Member	100.00
Third Member	100.00

Article 9. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money necessary for salaries and other Town Charges.

Selectmen's & Welfare

Board Salary	\$ 1,100.
Selectmen's Expense a/c	250.
Assessors' Salary	750.
Assessors' Expense a/c	225.
Treasurer's Salary	900.
Treasurer's Expense a/c	350.
Tax Collector's Salary	750.
Tax Collector's Expense a/c	500.
Town Clerk's Salary	500.
Town Clerk's Expense a/c	80.
School Committee Salary	300.
Town Moderator's Salary	15.
Town Accountant's Salary	950.

Town Accountant's

Expense a/c	75.
Sealer Weights & Measures	150.
Sealer Weights & Measures Expense a/c	25.
Inspection of Animals	175.
Dog Officer & Expense	150.
Inspection Meat & Slaughtering	50.
Public Health	1,000.
Schools	92,794.
Fire Department	2,500.
Maintenance Water Holes	400.
Alexander Hall	\$ 175.
Old Age Assistance	40,000.

Aid to Dependent		Interest Account	200.
Children	6,000.	Town Hall Care	4,800.
General Relief	3,000.	Legal Expenses	250.
Disability Assistance	4,000.	Damages	200.
Public Welfare Adm.	2,500.	Town Clock & Fountain ..	150.
Soldiers' Relief	3,500.	Town Reports	700.
Machinery Mtnce. a/c		Snow Removal	6,500.
(Tr. from Rd. Mach.		Public Safety	25.
Fd.)	6,000.	Protection Tax Title	25.
Bridges	3,000.	Highway Bounds Surveys	
Election & Registration ..	900.	and Plans	100.
Fire & Casualty Ins.	2,500.	Wire Inspector & Exp.	50.

Article 10. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fees collected, and the dog tax.

Article 11. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Civil Defense purposes, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Civil Defense Committee.

Article 12. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth.

Article 13. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to be used by the Gypsy Moth Agent for the removal of dead wood and spraying the Town elms to combat Dutch Elm disease.

Article 14. Voted: To authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the Board, and that the salary be \$500.00 in accordance with Section 4A, Chapter 41, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for same.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550.00 for the salary of a Public Health Nurse and substitute Nurse.

Article 16. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for the Public Health Nurse's expense account.

Article 17. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's car.

Article 18. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,125.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Article 19. Voted: That the Town shall authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for the repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,875.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway repairs and improvements, and the sum of \$17,875.00 to be transferred from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury to meet the state's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the state to be restored upon its receipt to the unappropriated, available funds in the treasury.

Article 20. Voted: That the Town shall raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the Chapter 90 highway construction, and that in addition the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury, to meet the state and county's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the state and county to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated, available funds in the treasury. This appropriation to be used on the Gulf Road.

Article 21. Voted: That the Town shall raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 highway maintenance, and in addition the sum of \$1,500.00 to be transferred from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury to meet the state and county's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the state and county to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated, available funds in the treasury.

Article 22. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 23. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to repair sidewalks.

Article 24. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Constables' pay and expense.

Article 25. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$240.00 to be expended under the direction of the Northfield Post of the American Legion and the Northfield Post of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars for the purpose of celebrating Memorial Day.

Article 26. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for hydrant service for sixteen hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection.

Article 27. Voted: To receive the report of the committee appointed under Article 27 of the 1952 annual meeting to make recommendations regarding a new fire station, fire fighting equipment, and town garage, and that the committee be discharged with thanks.

Article 28 Voted: That the Town authorize the committee having served this last year to get sufficient revision of the plans to offer to the town a proposal for a fire house alone and offer to the town such alternate plan and alternate location at a special town meeting called for the purpose within three months from this date, and that the town raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the expense of the committee.

Article 29. Voted: That the Town do transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$17,000.00 for the purchase of a custom made fire truck, and that we keep the present Buffalo truck, and that the purchase of the new truck be deferred until such time as proper housing facilities may be available at the time of delivery.

Article 30. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 to be used for the purchase of a portable pump for the use of the Fire Department.

Article 31. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used in the purchase of fish to be liberated in streams in the Town of Northfield under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 32. Voted: To instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five members, to include one member from each of the Veterans' organizations, to investigate the erection of a permanent war memorial; this committee to report at a later Town meeting.

Article 33. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$24.00 to install a street light on Myrtle Street.

Article 34. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$144.00 to erect and maintain street lights on Beers Plain Road, at the proper intervals between the Maple Street intersection and the residence of Willis Parker.

Article 35. Voted: To transfer the sum of \$250.00 from the Cemetery Lots fund for grading in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 36. Voted: To transfer from the Cemetery Lots fund the sum of \$300.00 to start a filing system of the cemetery lots in the Town of Northfield.

Article 37. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles.

Article 38. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the care of the playground and athletic field, this sum to be expended, \$200.00 for maintenance, and \$200.00 for improvement, under the supervision of the School Committee.

Article 39. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to maintain state-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 74, General Laws.

Article 40. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, for cutting brush or any emergency work which may be necessary during the winter months.

Article 41. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 to be used in making repairs on discontinued school buildings.

Article 42. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$308.76 for payment of Alfred Holton's 1950 bill against the town, and the Town of Orange's 1952 bill of \$115.00 against the town.

This vote was unanimous.

It was voted unanimously to consider Articles 43 through 47 collectively, and under this vote it was voted under Article 43.

Article 43. To accept the sum of \$100.00 from Emma A. Halthorth estate as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot number A26 in Center Cemetery.

Article 44. To accept the sum of \$200.00 from Mr. Louis M. Potts as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot number 40 in Center Cemetery.

Article 45. To accept the sum of \$50.00 from Jane E. Evans as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot of Mrs. Alfred Evans number 94½ in West Northfield Cemetery.

Article 46. To accept the sum of \$100.00 as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot number 41½, deeded to Nelson and Nettie Spring, in the Center Cemetery.

Article 47. To accept the sum of \$100.00 from James Browning and Robert Washer as a trust fund, the interest to be used for perpetual care of lot number 80½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 48. Voted: To transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 for a reserve fund for the current year.

Article 49. Voted: To transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate.

Article 50. Voted: That the Town discontinue as a town way any part of the South Mountain Road, so-called, which lies outside of the boundary lines of the relocation of said road made by the County Commissioners for the County of Franklin on November 18, 1952, and extending from the 1934 relocation and the four corners at the Old Wendell Road. It is not intended by this vote to discontinue that part of the South Mountain Road which lies easterly of the Old Wendell Road.

During the consideration of the articles 27 and 28, an unofficial expression of preference for the building, and the location of same, was taken by show of hands, and it was practically unanimous that the preference was for a fire station alone without town garage, and the location be the old Center School location.

The meeting was dissolved.

Attest: JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,
Town Clerk

Copy of the Votes taken on Articles in Warrant May 4, 1953 Special Town Meeting

Article 1. Voted: That the interim report of the War Memorial Committee be received and the Committee be continued to consider further the matter of a permanent war memorial and to make a further report at a later town meeting.

Article 2. Voted: That the Town authorize the War Memorial Committee to remove the temporary World War II honor roll and direct the Committee to do so before the 30th of this current month, and to place that part of the honor roll containing the names of veterans, together with any other parts of the structure that the Committee may find suitable for preservation, in the Northfield Historical Society Building.

Article 3. Voted: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$75.00 for the use of the War Memorial Committee in pre-

paring the final list of names for a permanent World War II memorial; for preparing material for presentation at a future town meeting; and for any other incidental expense in connection with its work.

Article 4. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be used for aerial spraying of Gypsy Moth.

Article 5. Voted: To receive the report of the Fire House Committee and place the same on file.

Article 6. Voted: That the Town choose the old Center School site for the location of the proposed new fire house, and the possible facilities to house the town trucks.

Article 7. Voted: That the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the construction of a new fire station and town garage on the old Center School location, according to the plans submitted at the Annual Town Meeting by the Fire House Committee, and in order to furnish this sum so appropriated, that there be raised by taxation the sum of \$5,000.00 and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized on behalf of the town to borrow the balance and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor payable in not more than twenty years, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, of the General Laws, as amended.

A paper ballot was taken with this result,

Yes, 127; No, 36; Total, 163. Necessary to carry the motion a yes vote of 109, therefore the vote was carried.

(The above motion was made and voted upon by paper ballot and lost by a vote of 104 to 72 total 176. A two-thirds vote being required, it was lost.

Upon motion duly seconded it was voted to reconsider the article and a new vote was taken with the above results.)

Voted: That a committee of five be appointed to serve as a Building Committee consisting of one Selectman, one Fireman, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Old Fire House Committee, and one citizen with knowledge of construction.

Voted: That the Fire House Committee be discharged with a unanimous expression of deep appreciation for the work done by the committee. Meeting was dissolved.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL

**Copy of the Votes taken on the Articles in the Warrant at the
Special Nov. 19, 1953, Town Meeting**

Article 1. Voted: That the report of the Northfield School Building Survey Committee be received and placed on file and that the Committee be discharged with thanks for their thorough study and complete report.

This report was given in full by the chairman, Robert P. Barnes, and by vote of those assembled a period of questions and answers was held previous to the vote on the article.

Article 2. Voted: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint three persons, one of whom shall be a member of the School Committee, to serve on a special unpaid board to be known as the Regional School District Planning Board for Northfield, Bernardston, and any other town in School Union #21, all in accordance with sections 14-16 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 638 of the Acts of 1949 and that the sum of \$300.00 be transferred from available funds for the expense of this Committee.

Upon motion duly seconded it was voted that Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 be passed over. The vote was unanimous.

Article 8. Voted: That the Town appropriate from Surplus Revenue account the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Snow Removal account.

The meeting was dissolved.

The estimated attendance was 300 persons.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,

Town Clerk

JURY LIST

Anderson, Albert J.

Andrew, Milford B.

Barber, Julian S.

Barnes, Leonard W.

Bolton, Edward C.

Buffum, Gordon C.

Clark, Ernest A.

Fuller, Frank S.

Gaida, Stanley H.

Given, Sidney H., Sr.

Stange, Wallace E.

Holloway, Harry J.

Hyde, Walter W.

Lanphear, Marshall R.

Lawrence, Charles

Livernoise, Ralph S.

Mayberry, Paul M.

Miller, Carroll H.

Randall, Warren A.

Scanlon, Charles M.

Spencer, Ross L., Jr.

Stacy, Gilbert H.

Stone, Niles E.

Thompson, Paul B.

Ware, Verne C.

Young, William J.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Balance January 1, 1953		\$123,343.00
Receipts for year 1953		280,335.92
		\$403,678.92
Payments per Warrants		\$309,326.08
Cash on hand December 31	\$ 367.09	
Franklin County Trust Co.	93,985.75	
		\$ 94,352.84
		\$403,678.92

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1953 per Statement		\$113,505.54
Outstanding Checks December 31, 1953 per list	\$ 19,519.79	
Balance December 31, 1953 per check book	93,985.75	
		\$113,505.54

Franklin County Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 245.80	
Amount collected from members in 1953	1,456.92	
		\$ 1,702.72
Payments to County Retirement Board in 1953	\$ 1,509.49	
Balance December 31, 1953 in Treasury	193.23	
		\$ 1,702.72

Withholding Tax Statement

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 982.05	
Withholding deducted in 1953	11,336.90	
		\$ 12,318.95
Paid to Collector of Internal Revenue	\$ 11,266.45	
Balance December 31, 1953 in Treasury	1,052.50	
		\$ 12,318.95

Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Deductions from members in 1953	\$ 1,176.25
Paid to Massachusetts Hospital Service	\$ 1,176.25

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE,
Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

Edward D. Priest and Others — West Northfield

Cemetery Funds

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 3,370.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,370.00
On hand December 31, 1953	3,370.00	4,000.00	7,370.00
Receipts of Interest		222.58	

J. W. Cowles Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1953	2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of Interest		55.38	

Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1953	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest		13.84	

Belcher Center School Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1953	1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts		31.56	

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1953	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest		55.18	

Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 836.44		\$ 836.44
On hand December 31, 1953	858.52		858.52
Receipts of Interest added to account		22.08	

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1953	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest		83.06	

Surplus Revenue School Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1953	1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of Interest		42.27	

Belcher Library Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1953	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of Interest		258.62	

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1953	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest		75.46	

Mary H. Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1953	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest		13.84	

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 2,310.14	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,310.14
Receipts of Interest on Securities	250.00		
Receipts of Interest on Sav. Dep.	61.83		
On hand December 31, 1953	2,621.97	10,000.00	12,621.97

Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1953	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest		13.84	

Maude Montague Library Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1953		2,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest		50.00	

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1953	\$ 14,014.75		\$ 14,014.75
On hand December 31, 1953	14,514.75		14,514.75
Receipts of Interest	375.73		
Bequests	500.00		
		\$ 875.73	
Deposited in Savings Bank	500.00		
Interest transferred to Town	375.73		
		\$ 875.73	

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

<i>South Mountain Cemetery</i>		Asahel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
Alice J. Bigelow	\$100.00	Elisha and Elihu Stratton	200.00
		Samuel A. Holton	200.00
<i>West Northfield Cemetery</i>		Brigham Gage and	
Cecil Wilson	\$100.00	David Clowes	100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00	Samuel Pratt	25.00
George W. Snow	200.00	James S. Browning	100.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00	Nettie E. Gilbert	300.00
Pennock Fund	100.00	George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Cora Preston and		Ada E. Chamberlain and	
Pitts W. Preston	100.00	Sarah J. Morgan	75.00
S. E. K. Priest	200.00	Charles C. Morgan	100.00
George F. Witt	100.00	Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00	Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
		M. Maria Foss	200.00
<i>Mount Hermon Cemetery</i>		Elisa Groves	51.69
Henry F. Cutler	\$100.00	Retta R. Barrett	100.00
L. L. Drury	100.00	Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00	Inez E. Holton	50.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00	Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00	Ernest C. Field	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00	L. E. Fisher and	
Lewis Hodus	200.00	Frank and Lucy Ross	50.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00	Henry W. Montague	400.00
Joseph Castogue	100.00	James and William	
		Merriam	100.00
<i>Northfield Farms Cemetery</i>		S. W. and William G. Slate	100.00
Leroy Weatherhead	\$ 75.00	Charles L. Gilbert	200.00
Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00	Eva J. S. Clough Fund	200.00
Rufus Stratton and			
Oren Darling	150.00	<i>Center Cemetery</i>	
William H. Stratton	100.00	Augustus W. Holton	\$100.00

Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Charles Osgood	300.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	Louis F. Bartlett	100.00
John E. Nye	100.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	John F. Rice	100.00
George Hastings and Dr. Stratton White	100.00	Hezekiah and Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Issac Cook and Wright Stratton	100.00	Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
James Pickard	100.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
William R. Moody	100.00	Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Charles Alexander and Richard Colton	200.00	Bessie Severance	100.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00	Lewis Fowler	50.00
James White	100.00	Jassamine W. Polhemus	100.00
Johnson Fund	123.06	Adelaide W. Moody	100.00
Cora Preston and Asa Holton	100.00	Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
George C. Stebbins	50.00	Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00	Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Levi Fay	150.00	Samuel E. Walker	200.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00	J. Greenleaf	300.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00	M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Albert S. Brigham	100.00
Elijah E. Belding	100.00	Mary L. Wright	125.00
Elijah Belding	125.00	Charles Blackmer	50.00
Lucy M. Webster	500.00	M. Bemis and Otis Field	50.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00	Alvin Long	50.00
C. D. Merriam and Cornelius Hilliard	300.00	Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00	George and Artemus and Marshall Nye	200.00
Maximilla S. Hatchita	100.00	Roselle Evans	50.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Bessie Moore	100.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00	Amos Shepardson and Anna S. Preston	150.00
Andrew E. and Arthur H. Lyman	400.00	Louis M. Potts	200.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00	Emma A. Haltnorth	100.00
B. F. Field and Charles Pomeroy	100.00	Nelson Spring	100.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes For 1951

Outstanding December 31, 1952	\$ 5,136.40
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 4,925.65
Abatements	45.00
Outstanding December 31, 1953	165.75
	\$ 5,136.40

Motor Vehicle Taxes

Outstanding December 31, 1952	\$ 744.61
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 674.31
Abatements	70.30
	\$ 744.61

Taxes For 1952

Outstanding December 31, 1952	\$ 19,352.44
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 15,385.69
Abatements	8.00
Outstanding December 31, 1953	3,958.75
	\$ 19,352.44

Motor Vehicle Tax

Outstanding December 31, 1952	\$ 2,051.13
Committed January 7, 1953	2,459.69
Total Tax to Collect	\$ 4,510.82
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 3,562.93
Abatements	259.20
Outstanding December 31, 1953	688.69
	\$ 4,310.82

Taxes For 1953

Poll Tax

Committed	\$ 1,258.00
Refund	2.00
Total Tax	\$ 1,260.00
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 900.00
Abatements	228.00
Outstanding December 31, 1953	132.00
	\$ 1,260.00

Personal Property

Committed	\$ 16,325.44
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 14,317.76
Abatements	6.40
Outstanding December 31, 1953	2,001.28
	\$ 16,325.44

Real Estate

Commitment	\$116,003.71
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 46,987.47
Tax Titles	443.84
Exemptions	1,363.20
Outstanding December 31, 1953	67,209.20
	\$116,003.71

Respectfully submitted,

ROY J. FISH,
Collector of Taxes.

Board of Assessors' Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Value of Real Estate	\$1,812,448.00
Value of Personal Estate	255,085.00
Rate per \$1,000	\$ 64.00
Polls Assessed	626
Motor Excise Commitment	18,992.83
Number of horses assessed	28
Number of cattle assessed	991
Number of fowl assessed	2,500

Appropriations

Appropriations from Available Funds, Feb. 3, 1953:

Machinery Maintenance account from Road Machinery fund	\$ 6,000.00
Rep. Imp. Rds. & Hghwys. Chap. 81 from Surplus Revenue	17,875.00
Chapter 90 highway construction from Surplus Revenue	6,000.00
Chapter 90 maintenance from Surplus Rev.	1,500.00

Custom Made fire truck from Surplus Revenue	17,000.00
Nfld. Farms Cemetery grading (from Cemetery lots fund)	250.00
Cemetery lots filing system from Cemetery lots fund	300.00
Reserve Fund from overlay reserve	4,000.00
Appropriations from Available Funds, May 4, 1953:	
Preparing list for World War Memorial from available funds	75.00
Appropriations to be raised by taxation, Feb. 3, 1953:	
Northfield Farms Library	150.00
Tree Warden	650.00
Street Lighting	4,986.00
Highway tools	200.00
Salaries and Town Charges:	
Selectmen and Welfare Board salaries	1,100.00
Selectmen's Expense Account	250.00
Assessors' Salaries	750.00
Assessors' Expense Account	225.00
Treasurer's Salary	900.00
Treasurer's Expense Account	350.00
Tax Collector's Salary	750.00
Tax Collector's Expense Account	500.00
Town Clerk's Salary	500.00
Town Clerk's Expense Account	80.00
School Committee Salaries	300.00
Town Moderator's Salary	15.00
Town Accountant's Salary	950.00
Town Accountant's Expense Account	75.00
Sealer Weights & Measures	150.00
Sealer's Expense Account	25.00
Inspection of Animals	175.00
Dog Officer & Expense	150.00
Inspection Meat & Slaughtering	50.00
Public Health	1,000.00
Schools	92,791.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
Maintenance Water Holes	400.00
Alexander Hall	175.00
Old Age Assistance	40,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	6,000.00

General Relief	3,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00
Public Welfare Administration	2,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,500.00
Bridges	3,000.00
Election & Registrations	900.00
Fire & Casualty Insurance	2,500.00
Interest Account	200.00
Town Hall Care	4,800.00
Legal Expenses	250.00
Damages	200.00
Town Clock & Fountain	150.00
Town Reports	700.00
Snow Removal	6,500.00
Public Safety	25.00
Tax Title Protection	25.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys & Plans	100.00
Wire Inspector & Expense	50.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	4,800.00
Civil Defense	300.00
Gypsy Moth Extermination	850.00
Dutch Elm Disease	600.00
Assessors' Clerk Salary	500.00
Public Health Nurse & Substitute	2,550.00
Public Health Nurse's expense account	75.00
Public Health Nurse's Car expense account	550.00
Care & Preservation of Cemeteries	1,125.00
Chapter 81 Highway work	4,875.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	750.00
Railings	900.00
Sidewalk Repairs	1,000.00
Constables' Pay & Expense	500.00
Memorial Day	240.00
Hydrant Service	400.00
Fire House Committee	200.00
Liberation of Fish	200.00
Portable Pump for Fire Dept.	450.00
Street Light, Myrtle Street	24.00
Street Lights, Beers Plain Rd.	144.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	300.00
Playground & Athletic Field	400.00
State Aided Vocational Education	700.00
Emergency Work	200.00

Repairs on Discontinued School Bldgs.	1,100.00
Payment of Back Bills	423.76

Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation, May 4, 1953:

Aerial Spray of Gypsy Moth	500.00
Fire Station & Town Garage	5,000.00

Total Appropriations	<u>\$273,203.76</u>
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Veterans' Service Center	744.49
State Parks & Reservations	226.89
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	860.19
County Tax	8,625.74
County Retirement System	1,057.40
Overlay	6,037.22

Gross Amount to be Raised	<u>\$290,755.69</u>
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Estimated Receipts & Available Funds

Income Tax	\$ 21,923.67
Corporation Tax	7,738.74
Reimbursement, State Owned Land	487.32
Old Age Tax (meals) Chapter 64B, Sec. 10	1,279.24
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	12,200.00
Licenses	100.00
General Government	100.00
Protection Persons & Property	50.00
Health & Sanitation	200.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for	
Aid to Dependent Children)	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	26,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	500.00
Schools	10,350.00
Libraries	100.00
Interest on Taxes	400.00
County Tax Overestimate (1952)	745.57
Tax Reduction from Surplus Revenue	20,000.00
Transfer from Available Funds	53,000.00

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	<u>\$157,174.54</u>
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$133,581.15</u>
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Poll Tax	\$ 1,252.00
Personal Property Tax	16,325.44
Real Estate Tax	116,003.71
Total Taxes Levied on Polls & Property	<u>\$133,581.15</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD A. FIELD,

ERNEST A. PARKER,

Assessors.

Welfare Department Report

Old Age Assistance

No. cases January 1, 1953	69
No. new cases	4
No. cases closed	13
No. cases December 31, 1953	60
Appropriation	\$ 40,000.00
U. S. Grant carried over	7,491.56
Cancelled Checks	116.40
U. S. Grant received during year	23,998.27
	<u>\$ 71,606.23</u>
Expended	\$ 57,226.84
Transferred to Revenue	4,212.58
U. S. Grant carried to 1954	10,166.81
	<u>\$ 71,606.23</u>

Aid to Dependent Children

No. cases January 1, 1953	5
No. new cases	3
No. cases closed	3
No. cases December 31, 1953	5
Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00
U. S. Grant carried over	411.27
U. S. Grant received during year	2,840.03
	<u>\$ 9,251.30</u>
Expended	\$ 6,844.59
Transferred to revenue	1,444.86
U. S. Grant carried to 1954	961.85
	<u>\$ 9,251.30</u>

Disability Assistance

No. cases January 1, 1953	3	
No. new cases	0	
No. cases closed	0	
No. cases December 31, 1953	3	
Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
U. S. Grant carried over	327.16	
U. S. Grant received during year	1,470.00	
		\$ 5,797.16
Expended	\$ 3,500.79	
Transferred to revenue	1,282.31	
U. S. Grant carried to 1954	1,014.06	
		\$ 5,797.16

General Relief

No. cases January 1, 1953	5	
No. new cases during year	8	
No. cases closed	9	
No. cases December 31, 1953	4	
Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
Recoveries or cancelled checks	140.15	
		\$ 3,140.15

General Relief Payments (itemized)

Cash to GR recipients	\$ 873.17
F. A. Irish, groceries	200.60
IGA Store, groceries	70.72
Center School Lunch Room	20.80
Penney's clothing	25.43
Merit Shoe Store	11.43
Dr. Bennett	3.00
Dr. Dame	19.00
Dr. Dean	117.00
Dr. Flo	24.00
Dr. Stone	62.00
Dr. True	40.00
Dr. Wheeler	66.00
Dr. Woods	5.00
F. M. Dunnell, oil	23.95
Roy Herrick, wood	8.00
Northfield Pharmacy	64.60
Brattleboro Hospital	300.00

Franklin County Hospital	479.18
Kidder and Co., ambulance	15.00
Town of Warwick	180.00
Child care	3.00
Total expended	\$ 2,611.88
Balance to revenue	528.27
	\$ 3,140.15

Administration

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
Transferred from U. S. Grant	497.57
Federal reimbursement	1,716.57
	\$ 4,714.14
Expended	\$ 3,343.26
Balance to revenue	255.61
U. S. Grant carried to 1954	
OAA	\$ 665.71
ADC	290.22
DA	159.34
	\$ 1,115.27
	\$ 4,714.14

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY H. KEHL, Agent
Board of Public Welfare.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1953, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town January 1, 1954.

HELEN M. STEARNS

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Taxes 1950:

Personal Property	\$ 5.53
Real Estate	62.20
	\$ 67.73

Taxes 1951:	
Poll	\$ 10.00
Personal Property	386.70
Real Estate	4,530.87
	\$ 4,927.57
Taxes 1952:	
Poll	\$ 32.00
Personal Property	1,387.58
Real Estate	13,966.11
	\$ 15,385.69
Taxes 1953:	
Poll	\$ 900.00
Personal Property	14,317.76
Real Estate	46,987.47
	\$ 62,205.23
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	
Levy of 1950	2.58
Levy of 1951	676.86
Levy of 1952	3,562.66
Levy of 1953	13,490.15
	\$ 17,732.25
Collector's Costs	\$ 127.45
Acct. Rec. General Relief	
O.A.A.	\$ 962.58
A.D.C.	23,708.51
D.A.	2,727.28
D.A. Adm.	1,815.61
	27.63
Veteran's Benefits	1,785.88
Schools	148.80
	\$ 31,176.29
Federal Grants	
O.A.A. Adm.	\$ 1,211.23
O.A.A.	23,998.27
A.D.C. Adm.	420.41
A.D.C.	2,840.03
D.A. Adm.	84.93
D.A.	1,470.00
	\$ 30,024.87
State:	
Dept. of Agriculture	\$ 88.43
Loss of Taxes	509.24
English Speaking	6.25
Income Tax	4,760.44
Corporation Tax	7,364.48
Meals Tax	1,389.02
Tuition	1,711.94

Transportation	831.70	
School	17,647.48	
State Tax	3,656.19	
		\$ 37,965.17
State Aid to Highways		\$ 34,956.37
County Aid to Highways		5,499.91
Highway Machinery Earnings		4,492.46
School Lunch Fund		11,983.59
School Athletic Fund		260.50
Dog Licenses		680.20
Federal Taxes Withheld		11,348.00
County Retirement Deductions		1,465.10
Blue Cross and Blue Shield		1,176.25
U.S. Bond Income		250.00
Dog Officer — County		58.50
Wild Cat Bounty		20.00
Rent — Town Hall		321.00
Rent — Alexander Hall		15.00
Interest on Deferred Taxes		822.90
Licenses Granted		137.00
Library Fines		170.50
Nurse's Fees		277.00
Adult Vocational Education Fees		120.00
Surplus Revenue School Fund — Interest		42.27
Broken Dishes		.64
Sealer Weights and Measures Fees		112.20
County Dog Fund		540.46
Smith Hughes Barden Fund		400.00
Refunds and Reimbursements		
Selectmen's Expense	\$	.25
Fire Dept.		16.00
Nurse's Car Expense		23.50
General Relief		140.15
Old Age Assistance		3,284.70
Schools		320.00
Soldier's Relief		4.00
		\$ 3,471.80
Trust Funds		\$ 500.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		312.50
Income from Trust Funds		
Elisha Alexander	\$	55.55
George F. Morgan		83.06
Roselle A. Evans		13.84
Belcher Center School		34.06
Belcher Library		258.62
Montague Library		50.00
Dickinson Book		75.46

P.C. Center, Mt. H. and So. Mt. Cemeteries	378.99	
Calvin Stearns	13.84	
Mary Callender	13.84	
Northfield Farms	85.50	
West Northfield	225.36	
		\$ 1,288.12
Total Cash Receipts		\$280,334.42
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1953		123,343.00
		\$403,677.42

EXPENDITURES

Moderator

Appropriation	\$	15.00
Edgar Livingston		15.00

Selectmen and Welfare Board

Appropriation	\$	1,100.00
George Carr	\$	29.00
Luman Barber		350.00
Ernest Parker		400.00
William Marshall		321.00
		\$ 1,100.00

Selectmen's Expense

Appropriation	\$	250.00
Reimbursement		.25
		\$ 250.25
Mass. Ass'n	\$	25.00
Franklin Co. Ass'n		6.00
Recorder Publishing Co.		6.50
E. A. Parker		21.80
Hobbs & Warren		3.84
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.		74.45
		\$ 137.59
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		112.66
		\$ 250.25

Accountant

Appropriation	\$	950.00
Helen Stearns		950.00

Accountant's Expense

Appropriation	\$	75.00
Mass. Ass'n	\$	3.00
Bookstore		14.00
Commonwealth Mass.		5.45

Helen Stearns	45.00	
	\$ 67.45	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	7.55	
		\$ 75.00
Legal Expense		
Appropriation	\$	250.00
Stoddard Ball & Bartlett	\$ 204.54	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	45.46	
		\$ 250.00
Treasurer		
Appropriation	\$	900.00
Charles F. Slate	\$	900.00
Treasurer's Expense		
Appropriation	\$	350.00
Reserve Fund	25.83	
		\$ 375.83
Mass. Ass'n	\$ 2.00	
Baker's, Inc.	1.15	
Demond's	9.75	
Bookstore	55.36	
Todd Co.	27.00	
Colton's Ins. Agency	97.50	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	59.07	
Postage	124.00	
		\$ 375.83
Tax Collector		
Appropriation	\$	750.00
Roy J. Fish	\$	750.00
Tax Collector's Expense		
Appropriation	\$	500.00
Reserve Fund	67.31	
		\$ 567.31
Mass. Ass'n	\$ 2.00	
Roy Fish Ins.	305.87	
Read Shaw Agency	5.00	
Hobbs & Warren	128.80	
Postage	125.64	
		\$ 567.31
Assessors and Clerk		
Appropriation	\$	1,250.00
Ernest Parker	\$ 750.00	
Clifford Field	250.00	
	\$ 1,000.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	250.00	
		\$ 1,250.00

Assessor's Expense

Appropriation		\$	225.00
Mass. Ass'n	\$	9.00	
Hobbs & Warren		35.22	
The Sautter Co.		24.19	
Burroughs Add. Machine Co.		18.00	
Demonds		20.95	
Stoneham Independent		1.00	
Ernest Parker		83.40	
	\$	191.76	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		33.24	
		\$	225.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Josephine S. Haskell		\$	500.00

Town Clerk's Expense

Appropriation		\$	80.00
Com. Public Safety	\$	.70	
Colton's Ins.		7.50	
Hobbs & Warren		6.82	
Josephine Haskell		41.54	
	\$	56.56	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		23.44	
		\$	80.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation		\$	900.00
James Dale	\$	13.75	
Edna Bistrek		13.75	
Helen Stearns		13.75	
Katherine Callaghan		13.75	
Daisy Holton		13.75	
Willis Parker		13.75	
Harrison Stacy		13.75	
Flora Abbey		13.75	
Josephine Haskell		85.50	
Charles Streeter		85.50	
Edward Hurley		85.50	
Lawrence Hammond		85.50	
William Hoehn		196.00	
Hobbs & Warren		12.40	
	\$	660.40	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		239.60	
		\$	900.00

Town Hall

Appropriation		\$ 4,800.00
Charles Slate	\$ 1,800.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	198.78	
C. B. Dolge Co.	125.59	
F. M. Dannel	1,461.71	
Northfield Water Co.	13.85	
Greenfield Fire Equip. Co.	27.00	
Edward Krysiak	122.50	
Lynch Sports Equip. Co.	206.19	
A. L. Goodrich	14.00	
Leavis & Bolton	73.79	
Edward Bolton	270.00	
Alfred Holton	99.43	
Willis Parker	4.00	
Dwight Stearns	4.00	
Com. Public Safety	35.00	
Henry Hammond	9.85	
Frank Anderson	39.00	
F. A. Irish	25.10	
C. L. Haskell	190.00	
Clark Hardware	6.50	
Miller Harware	131.91	
Hamilton S. Cregar	27.87	
	\$ 4,786.07	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	13.93	
	\$ 4,800.00	

Constables

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$.20	
Joseph Morgan	176.30	
Martin Vorce	8.00	
Paul Chamberlin	140.45	
Murray Hammond	73.52	
Willis Parker	18.25	
Dean Williams	12.60	
	\$ 429.32	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	70.68	
	\$ 500.00	

Fire Department

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Reimbursement	16.00	
Reserve Fund	599.21	
	\$ 3,115.21	

Tri State Mutual Aid	\$ 5.00
W. M. E. Co.	12.84
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	208.89
Stearns Garage	299.09
Morgan Garage	251.27
Spencer Bros.	2.00
Bill's Service Sta.	2.75
G. C. Buffum	3.05
G. G. Bentley	9.00
F. M. Dunnell	99.09
G. L. Merriam Co.	9.60
Colton's Ins.	153.75
Miller Hardware	1.73
Avery's Store	28.17
Hamilton S. Cregar	8.96
Lily Dan	17.80
Northfield Pharmacy	3.12
Johnson & Johnson	33.25
Am. La France Foamite Corp.	58.33
S. T. Hydrant Wrench Co.	15.00
J. H. Emerson Co.	38.00
Dwight Stearns — Forest Fire Warden ✓	100.00
Dwight Stearns	239.50
Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.	216.00
James Dale	58.00
Alfred Holton	34.00
Charles Browning	79.00
Warren Randall	79.00
Willis Parker	72.00
Gilbert Stacy	28.00
Francis Reed	59.00
Edward Bolton	52.00
Fred Bolton	22.00
Clifford Bolton	16.00
George Lombard	13.00
Joseph Morgan	55.00
Winthrop Sanderson	12.00
Howard Williams	54.00
Lee Sheldon	5.00
Roy Barrows	3.00
Andrew Gray	72.00 ✓
Philip Mann, Jr.	135.00
David Quinn	110.00
Sundry Persons	182.00
Northfield School for Girls	30.65
David G. Deane	128.37
	\$ 3,115.21

Hydrant Service

Appropriation	\$	400.00
Northfield Water Co.	\$	400.00

Water Holes

Appropriation	\$	400.00
Steve Siciak	\$	375.50
John Hammond		11.87
Eugene Hammond		5.00
Dwight Stearns		763
		\$ 400.00

Sites, Plans for Fire Station

Appropriation	\$	200.00
E. A. Hall & Co.	\$	60.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		140.00
		\$ 200.00

Portable Pump for Fire Department

Appropriation	\$	450.00
David Deane	\$	400.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		50.00
		\$ 450.00

Fire Station and Town Garage

Appropriation	\$	5,000.00
James Britton	\$	3,450.00
F. Deane Avery Associates		153.00
Gfld. Recorder Gazette		7.50
		\$ 3,610.50
Unexpended Balance to 1954		1,389.50
		\$ 5,000.00

Public Safety

Appropriation	\$	25.00
Dwight Stearns	\$	15.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		10.00
		\$ 25.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriation	\$	50.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$	50.00

Sealer Weights and Measures

Appropriation — Salary	\$	150.00
Appropriation — Expense		25.00
		\$ 175.00
Warren Randall	\$	150.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		25.00
		\$ 175.00

Gypsy Moth

Appropriation		\$	1,350.00
Hinkley Tree Service	\$	300.00	
Aero Crop Service		689.85	
Frank Anderson		236.00	
Orrin Carey		112.00	
	\$	1,337.85	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		12.15	
		\$	1,350.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		\$	600.00
Hinkley Tree Service	\$	150.00	
Frank Anderson		312.50	
Orrin Carey		76.25	
Ernest Kenney		61.25	
		\$	600.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		\$	650.00
Reserve Fund		15.00	
		\$	665.00
Frank Anderson	\$	595.00	
Ernest Kenney		45.00	
Melvin Miller		15.00	
	\$	655.00	
Unexpended Balance to Reserve		10.00	
		\$	665.00

Dog Officer and Expense

Appropriation		\$	150.00
Gilbert Hammond	\$	108.50	
Recorder Gazette		6.75	
	\$	115.25	
Unexpended Balance to Reserve		34.75	
		\$	150.00

Health

Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
Reserve Fund		316.45	
		\$	1,316.45
Abalene Exterminating Co.	\$	144.00	
Nfld. Washed Sand & Gravel Co.		111.95	
Kenneth Miller		30.60	
Henry Bassett		9.20	
George Smalley		16.00	

Harold Clough	8.00	
Francis Kenney	8.00	
Merle Jones	8.00	
Robert Strange	8.00	
Steve Siciak	59.50	
Town Truck	40.00	
Hampshire County Sanatorium	547.50	
Town of Greenfield	101.70	
Dr. A. B. True	8.00	
Dr. Cowie	75.00	
Hobbs & Warren	15.25	
Josephine Haskell, Vital Statistics	125.75	
		\$ 1,316.45

Nurse and Substitute

Appropriation		\$ 2,550.00
Barbara Mankowsky	\$ 2,350.00	
Carolyn Holloway	\$ 200.00	
		\$ 2,550.00

Nurse's Expense

Appropriation		\$ 75.00
N. E. Tel & Tel. Co.	\$ 21.70	
Nfld. Pharmacy	46.64	
		\$ 68.34
Unexpended Balance to Reserve	6.66	
		\$ 75.00

Nurse's Car Expense

Appropriation	\$ 550.00	
Reimbursement	23.50	
		\$ 573.50
Registration	\$ 3.00	
Roy J. Fish	125.73	
Spencer Bros.	230.21	
Stearns Garage	27.19	
Morgan Garage	25.99	
Jordan Motor Sales	29.11	
G. C. Buffum	28.62	
Bill's Service Station	32.36	
		\$ 502.21
Unexpended Balance to Reserve	71.29	

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation		\$ 573.50
	\$ 175.00	

Reserve Fund	2.23	
		\$ 177.23
Gilbert Hammond		\$ 177.23

Inspection of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Horace Bolton		\$ 50.00

Machinery Maintenance

Machinery Fund		\$ 6,000.00
Spencer Bros.	\$ 2,177.18	
Stearns Garage	910.66	
The Northfield	783.13	
Gordon Buffum	613.48	
Morgan Garage	131.83	
James Neigh	183.73	
Brownie's Gulf Station	67.99	
Eugene Miller	75.36	
L. L. Richards	20.14	
George Sheldon, Inc.	34.34	
Colton's Ins.	382.03	
Frank Hance	48.09	
Std. Sign & Signal Co.	21.38	
Unitarian Church Parish	35.00	
Sundry Persons	18.95	
		\$ 5,503.29
Unexpended Balance to Mach. Fund	496.71	
		\$ 6,000.00

Tools

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Miller Hardware	\$ 42.81	
Hamilton S. Cregar	3.92	
Frank Hance	72.52	
Stanley Johnson	9.06	
		\$ 128.31
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	71.69	
		\$ 200.00

Highway Chapter 81

Appropriation		\$ 22,750.00
Kenneth Miller	\$ 1,443.10	
Henry Bassett	1,161.50	
Frederick Clough	905.05	
Harold Clough	1,036.50	
Ernest Kenney	937.00	

Francis Kenney	547.00
George Smalley	1,003.00
Robert Strange	1,042.50
Ralph Miller	73.00
Calvin Kenney	16.00
Floyd Dunnell	7.00
Kenneth Black	233.00
Merle Jones	79.00
Elsworth Black	119.00
Orrin Carey	475.00
Town Trucks	2,116.25
Town Sander, Scraper & Hone	158.90
American Tar Co.	2,433.21
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	1,508.88
Nfld. Washed Sand & Gravel Co.	2,203.33
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co.	2,210.43
Mackin Trucking Co.	420.80
Steve Siciak	364.00
Herman Fisher	24.00
Frank Anderson	366.00
Melvin Miller	1,060.25
Horace Bolton	456.50
Robert Shearer	17.50
Steve Puffer	292.75
Standard Sign & Signal Co.	30.04
Town of Gill	7.00
Kenneth Greene	2.50

\$ 22,749.99

Unexpended Balance to Revenue .01

\$ 22,750.00

Highway Chapter 90 — Construction

Appropriation	\$	8,000.00
Kenneth Miller	\$ 444.70	
Henry Bassett	347.30	
Harold Clough	131.92	
Merle Jones	306.00	
Ernest Kenney	198.00	
Francis Kenney	76.00	
Robert Strange	198.00	
George Smalley	190.00	
Orrin Carey	78.00	
Floyd Dunnell	16.00	
Town Trucks	500.00	
Town Sander	4.00	
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co.	172.77	

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	1,791.49
Philip Bourbeau	73.70
Steve Puffer	355.00
Mackin Trucking Co.	1,040.80
Steve Siciak	49.00
George Wetherby	140.00
N. W. S. & G. Co	896.64
Horace Bolton	24.00
Frank Anderson	291.00
Dwight Stearns	39.00
Melvin Miller	207.00
American Tar Co.	429.67

\$ 7,999.99

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

.01

\$ 8,000.00

Highway Chapter 90 — Maintenance

Appropriation	\$ 2,250.00
Kenneth Miller	\$ 120.50
Henry Bassett	74.75
Harold Clough	121.00
Merle Jones	64.00
Ernest Kenney	73.00
Robert Strange	96.00
George Smalley	112.00
Orrin Carey	32.00
Frederick Clough	19.55
Floyd Dunnell	8.00
Town Trucks	210.00
Town Sander & Hone	12.00
Frank Anderson	36.00
N. W. S. & G. Co.	253.05
American Tar Co.	385.66
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co.	632.49
	\$ 2,250.00

Railings

Appropriation	\$ 900.00
Kenneth Miller	\$ 105.00
Henry Bassett	101.20
Harold Clough	76.80
Merle Jones	8.00
Ernest Kenney	32.00
George Smalley	112.00
Elsworth Black	16.00
Robert Strange	72.00
Town Truck	28.75

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	88.20	
N. W. S. & G. Co.	24.69	
J. L. Dunnell & Son	44.45	
James Neigh	10.00	
Frank Hance	90.00	
Hamilton Cregar	17.77	
	\$ 826.86	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	73.14	
	\$	900.00

Sidewalk Repairs

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Peter Yarmac	\$ 1,000.00

Bridges

Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Kenneth Miller	\$ 196.00
Henry Bassett	119.60
Frederick Clough	82.80
Harold Clough	105.60
Orrin Carey	8.00
Ernest Kenney	78.00
Francis Kenney	16.00
George Smalley	112.00
Robert Strange	64.00
Merle Jones	8.00
Town Trucks	137.50
Smead Lumber Co.	77.70
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	1,529.31
Hamilton Cregar	1.71
Morgan Garage	119.51
N. W. S. & G. Co.	193.30
Melvin Miller	119.00
	\$ 2,968.03
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	31.97
	\$ 3,000.00

Snow Removal

Appropriation	\$ 6,500.00
Surplus Revenue	1,500.00
	\$ 8,000.00
Kenneth Miller	\$ 965.45
Henry Bassett	806.78
Frederick Clough	604.33
Harold Clough	119.35

Merle Jones	16.00
Homer Browning, Jr.	13.80
Dwight Stearns	5.75
Ralph Miller	213.10
Robert Fisher	17.10
Robert Strange	72.00
George Smalley	232.00
Forrest Carey	18.40
Ernest Kenney	24.00
Town Trucks	1,083.76
Town Sander	97.05
N. W. S. & G. Co.	1,146.52
Herman Fisher	415.00
Melvin Miller	121.50
Glossie Bentley	147.00
Frank Anderson	40.00
Frank Hance	252.14
Miller Hardware	2.57
Potter Grain Store	78.00
The Chemical Co.	780.25

\$ 7,271.85

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

728.15

\$ 8,000.00

Street Lights

Appropriation	\$ 4,986.00	
Appropriation Myrtle St.	24.00	
Appropriation Beers Plain Rd.	144.00	
		\$ 5,154.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 4,438.56	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	715.44	
		\$ 5,154.00

Highway Bounds, Surveys, Plans

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$ 100.00

Winter Emergency Highway Work

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Kenneth Miller	\$ 52.00
Henry Bassett	46.00
Frederick Clough	42.50
Robert Strange	37.00
Town Trucks	22.50
	\$ 200.00

O.A.A. Adm. U.S.G.

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 400.46	
Receipts	1,211.23	
		\$ 1,611.69
Shirley Kehl	\$ 886.62	
Shirley Kehl, Travel	28.66	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	15.15	
Burroughs Add. Mach. Co.	1.75	
Hurley, Postage	6.00	
Barrett & Baker	3.45	
Registry of Deeds	1.50	
Hobbs & Warren	2.85	
	\$ 945.98	
Unexpended Balance to 1954	665.71	
		\$ 1,611.69

O.A.A. U.S.G.

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 7,491.56	
Receipts	24,085.17	
		\$ 31,576.73
Sundry Persons	\$ 21,323.02	
Unexpended Balance to 1954	10,253.71	
		\$ 31,576.73

A.D.C. Adm. U.S.G.

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 5.43	
Receipts	420.41	
		\$ 425.84
Shirley Kehl	\$ 126.66	
Shirley Kehl, Travel	8.96	
	\$ 135.62	
Unexpended Balance to 1954	290.22	
		\$ 425.84

A.D.C. U.S.G.

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 411.27	
Receipts	2,840.03	
		\$ 3,251.30
Sundry Persons	\$ 2,289.45	
Unexpended Balance to 1954	961.85	
		\$ 3,251.30

D.A. Adm. U.S.G.

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 91.68	
Receipts	84.93	
		\$ 176.61

Shirley Kehl	\$	11.27	
Hurley, Postage		6.00	
	\$	17.27	
Unexpended Balance to 1954		159.34	
		\$	176.61

D.A. U.S.G.

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$	327.16	
Receipts		1470.00	
		\$	1,797.16
Sundry Persons	\$	783.10	
Unexpended Balance to 1954		1,014.06	
		\$	1,797.16

P.W. Adm.

Appropriation	\$	2,500.00	
Shirley Kehl		2,026.72	
Shirley Kehl, Travel & Sundries		73.89	
Mass. Ass'n		3.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.		66.43	
T. J. Hurley, Postage		18.00	
Hobbs & Warren		4.75	
Barrett & Baker		6.05	
U.C.S. of Boston		10.00	
Forbes Snyder, Inc.		3.00	
Demonds		1.05	
Burroughs Add. Mach. Co.		18.00	
Johnson & Johnson		13.50	
	\$	2,244.39	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		255.61	
		\$	2,500.00

General Relief

Appropriation	\$	3,000.00	
Refunds		140.15	
		\$	3,140.15
Sundry Persons	\$	2,611.88	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		528.27	
		\$	3,140.15

O.A.A.

Appropriation	\$	40,000.00	
Refund		34.25	
		\$	40,034.25
Sundry Persons	\$	35,787.42	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$	4,246.83	
		\$	40,034.25

A.D.C.

Appropriation		\$ 6,000.00
Sundry Persons	\$ 4,555.14	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$ 1,444.86	
		\$ 6,000.00

D.A.

Appropriation		\$ 4,000.00
Sundry Persons	\$ 2,717.69	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,282.31	
		\$ 4,000.00

Soldier's Relief

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	
Reserve Fund	244.47	
		\$ 3,744.47
Sundry Persons		\$ 3,744.47

School Committee

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Irving Lawrence	100.00	
Louis Abbey	100.00	
Roy Fish	100.00	
		\$ 300.00

Barden Fund

Receipts		\$ 400.00
Sylvia Spencer	\$ 108.00	
Unexpended Balance to 1954	292.00	
		\$ 400.00

High School Athletic Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 62.70	
Receipts	260.50	
		\$ 323.20
Barry Reclaiming Co.	\$ 86.15	
Lawton Cleaners	56.75	
George Leonard	1.62	
The Northfield	50.00	
Sundry Referees	117.00	
		\$ 311.52
Unexpended Balance to 1954	11.68	
		\$ 323.20

School Lunch

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 809.86	
Receipts	11,983.59	
		\$ 12,793.45

Tenney Farms Dairy	\$ 2,378.74
Mark B. Aldrich	1,447.99
General Baking Co.	477.87
Com. of Mass.	45.20
Berkshire Frosted Foods	794.84
Sexton Co.	917.86
Progressive Equipment Co.	468.78
Consolidated Foods, Inc.	36.20
Darling & Rhodes Co.	321.50
Cascade Paper Co.	47.27
Webster Thomas Co.	146.21
Sundry, Express	86.96
Bernardston Auto Exchange	169.30
Cecil Wilson	61.50
Holcomb Mfg. Co.	27.50
Alfred E. Holton	36.26
Geo. Sheldon, Inc.	895.80
Sundry	71.38
Minnie Huber	1,389.00
Susie Hillock	1,055.00
Eunice Dumbreck	138.00
Charlotte Black	101.50
Ruth Johnson	43.00
Sundry Girls	208.22
	\$ 11,365.88
Unexpended Balance to 1954	1,427.57
	\$ 12,793.45

Schools

Refund	3.20
Appropriation	\$ 92,791.00
	\$ 92,794.20
F. Sumner Turner, Salary	\$ 2,108.67
F. Sumner Turner, Travel	153.50
George Leonard	4,266.64
M. C. Brown	3,403.28
T. C. Higgins, Jr.	3,166.56
Evelyn Lawley	3,656.68
Nellie Dearstyne	3,489.92
Eleanor Hammond	3,193.28
Beryle Hammond	3,014.00
Jean Kozlowski	2,810.64
Dorothy Herrick	3,573.20
H. S. Hayden	2,706.64
Evelyn Parker	3,350.00
Mary Dalton	3,313.28
Ruth Stebbins	2,649.14

Marion Nau	616.24
Virginia Haack	2,831.54
Ruth Bolton	3,107.09
Dorothea Holt	3,010.12
Virginia Raymond	933.00
W. L. Rinehart	450.00
Edson Crafts	242.53
Jeannette Rich	246.00
Esther Leonard	135.00
Eleanor Deane	9.00
Ruby North	9.00
Helen Tippet	9.00
Edith Aldrich	54.00
Helen Weston	18.00
Jessie Glaback	27.00
Helen Thompson	27.00
Dorothy Strecker	18.00
Jean McComb	735.03
Barbara Mankowsky	600.00
The Northfield	9,486.00
Eugene Miller	4,062.14
James Dresser	1,327.50
Robert Dumbreck	1,246.37
John Spindler	2,599.92
Charles Janes	1,066.70
Charles Repeta, Jr.	16.80
Hugh Hayden	104.50
James McComb	178.00
George Mello	45.00

Janitor Supplies

C. B. Dolge Co.	230.93
Kidder & Co.	32.39
Holcomb Co.	22.50
Hilyard Sales	56.15
Du-ev Products	239.52
Cascade Paper Co.	27.63
M. D. Stetson	186.25
Sundry Persons	37.98

Fuel

McIntosh & Son	225.00
Mackin Fuel & Trucking Co.	607.76
Ray Herrick	24.00
G. O. Dunnell	101.35
Lodge Petroleum Co.	343.30

Water and Current

Nfld. Water Co.	427.45
W. M. E. Co.	544.97

Repairs

Miller Hardware	24.55
Corsiglia Co.	283.01
Edward Bolton	312.59
Remington Rand Co.	54.57
Grays Drapery Shop	87.60
Sundry Persons	56.49
The Hubers	1,927.00
Hamilton Cregar	50.17

Text Books

Ginn & Co.	24.30
Row, Peterson Co.	371.15
Mt. Hermon Students Store	66.63
Wilcox & Follett	37.88
Webster Publishing Co.	230.39
Sundry Persons	35.30

Student Supplies

Cascade Paper Co.	494.07
J. L. Hammett Co.	24.97
Milton Bradley Co.	165.34
H. T. Haynes Co.	23.61
Athletic Trainers Supply	69.78
Lynch Sports Equip. Co.	113.41
D'enoyer Geppert	35.23
James Brine Co.	32.56
Gledhill Bros.	62.64
American Printing Co.	34.50
Miller Paper Co.	47.40
Welch Mfg. Co.	20.83
Sports Officials	111.50
The Northfield	140.00

New Equipment

Royal Typewriter Co.	222.00
Smith Corona Co.	42.50
Cascade Paper Co.	564.28
Demond's	90.10

Sundry Education

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	244.82
Audubon Society	64.69
Trentwell, Macon, White	25.00
Mass. Ass'n School Committees	20.00
Steve Mastaler	50.00
Com. of Mass.	20.00
Esther Leonard	34.55
Hurley, Postage	28.00
Frederick Pinney	42.00

Leland Black	25.50
Sundry Persons	152.06

Home Economics

Progressive Ideas Equipment Co.	35.89
Singer Sewing Machine Co.	19.86
Mark Aldrich	13.92
Tuition — Greenfield	2,132.78

	\$ 92,534.77	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	259.43	
		\$ 92,794.20

Belcher Library Fund

Balance 1953	\$ 229.00	
Receipts	258.62	
		\$ 487.62
Library Book House	\$ 170.28	
F. M. Dunnell	47.30	
W. M. E. Co.	24.74	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	5.50	
Luman Barber	4.71	
Leavis & Bolton	1.50	
Robert Schouler	3.00	
Hamilton Cregar	10.79	
Barrett & Baker	5.80	
American Library Ass'n.	6.00	
McIntosh & Son	171.60	
	\$ 451.22	
Unexpended Balance to 1954	36.40	
		\$ 487.62

Public Schools Building Survey Committee

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
High School Press Club	\$ 22.94	
F. Sumner Turner	61.84	
James A. Britton	100.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	4.95	
American Printing Co.	280.00	
Elizabeth Quigley	3.20	
S. W. Haynes & Associates	425.00	
	\$ 897.93	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	302.07	
		\$ 1,200.00

Adult Vocational Education

Appropriation	\$ 700.00	
Reserve Fund	29.68	
	\$	729.68
Ralph Sargent	200.00	
Sylvia Spencer	92.00	
Douglas Jones	100.00	
Mrs. William Black	100.00	
Harriet Hawkes	100.00	
John Spindler	60.00	
N. S. for Girls	20.00	
W. M. E. Co.	30.68	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	3.00	
McIntosh & Son	24.00	
	\$	729.68

Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation	\$ 150.00
Nfld. Farms Library Ass'n.	\$ 150.00

Dickinson Library

Appropriation	\$ 4,800.00
Florence Phelps	\$ 1,980.00
Florence Phelps, Petty Cash	10.00
Edna Barber	420.00
Luman Barber	15.16
Agda Huber	312.00
Louise Reeves	51.00
Sophie Ruhl	32.25
Nancy Sechrist	153.75
Gwendolyn Leavis	51.75
Edith Aldrich	100.50
Leavis & Bolton	83.81
Edward Bolton	324.75
W. M. E. Co.	115.01
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	53.05
F. M. Dunnell	458.16
Demco Library Supplies	58.57
Tracy Burdick	18.25
Nfld. Water Co.	12.00
Nathaniel Dame Co.	30.00
Library Book House	256.70
American Library Ass'n	6.00
C. B. Dolge Co.	43.99
Doubleday & Co.	39.00
J. S. Wesby & Sons	46.08
Demonds	11.05
Malcolm Parks	21.00
H. R. Huntting Co.	40.80

Wilcox & Follett	8.95	
American Book Co.	6.36	
Sundry Books, Magazines, Supplies	40.06	
		\$ 4,800.00
Alexander Hall		
Appropriation		\$ 175.00
Katherine Livingston	\$ 1.25	
John Spindler	120.00	
	\$ 121.25	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	53.75	
		\$ 175.00
Insurance		
Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Powell Ins. Agency	\$ 1,196.12	
Colton's Ins. Agency	900.00	
Roy J. Fish Ins.	403.88	
		\$ 2,500.00
Interest		
Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		\$ 200.00
Damages		
Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		\$ 200.00
Town Clock and Fountain		
Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Nfld. Water Co.	\$ 25.00	
Miller Hardware	4.00	
Hamilton S. Cregar	2.25	
Willis Parker	50.00	
	\$ 81.25	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	68.75	
		\$ 150.00
Town Reports		
Appropriation	\$ 700.00	
Reserve Fund	75.30	
		\$ 775.30
William Hoehn		\$ 775.30
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs		
Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Register of Deeds	\$ 14.75	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	285.25	
		\$ 300.00

Fish

Appropriation	\$	200.00
Berkeley Hills Trout Farm	\$	200.00

Planning Board Zoning

Balance from 1952	\$	200.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$	200.00

Repairs to Discontinued School Buildings

Appropriation	\$	1,100.00
Leavis & Bolton	\$	888.56
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		211.44
	—	\$ 1,100.00

1952 Bills

Appropriation	\$	423.76
Alfred Holton	\$	308.76
Town of Orange		115.00
	—	\$ 423.76

P.C. Funds Center Cemetery

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$	472.13
Interest Added		378.99
	—	\$ 851.12
William Janes	\$	26.54
Robert Pratt		23.25
Ernest Kenney		321.20
Stearns Garage		4.66
C. V. Railroad		5.00
G. N. Kidder		96.00
Elton Kinsman		3.00
	—	
	\$	479.65
Unexpended Balance to 1954		371.47
	—	\$ 851.12

P.C. Funds Northfield Farms

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$	177.67
Interest Added		85.50
	—	\$ 263.17
William Stewart	\$	104.25
John Hammond		4.35
Frank Stratton		7.00
Murray Hammond		20.81
Peter Yarmac		106.36
Frederick Clough		6.90
Ernest Kenney		6.00
Town Truck		7.50
	—	\$ 263.17

Protection of Tax Title Property

Appropriation	\$	25.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$	25.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$	240.00
Thomas Hurley	\$	14.53
Wilson's Inc.		18.70
Avery's Store		30.00
Alice Kenney		60.00
Orange High School		100.00
N. S. for Girls		4.80
	\$	228.03
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		11.97
	\$	240.00

Civil Defense

Balance from 1952	\$	200.48
Appropriation	\$	300.00
	\$	500.48
N. S. for Girls	\$	117.54
Forbes Products Corp.		108.75
Service Equipment Co.		125.89
Alston Studios		23.40
Emory Rikert		5.19
Town Taxi		19.00
Sundry Persons, Supplies		10.82
	\$	410.59
Unexpended Balance to 1954		89.89
	\$	500.48

Playground and Athletic Field

Appropriation	\$	400.00
Hugh Hayden	\$	98.25
George Mello		35.60
Melvin Miller		128.00
Smead Lumber Co.		12.60
Kidder & Co.		19.21
Walter Shaw		37.25
Weidenmiller & Magovern Co.		37.50
Sundry Persons, Repairs & Supplies		14.25
	\$	382.66
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		17.34
	\$	400.00

P.C. Funds West Northfield

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$	218.26	
Interest Added		225.36	
			\$ 443.62
Carleton Holton	\$	82.20	
Philip Holton		69.47	
Ralph Holton		13.60	
Kidder & Co.		4.59	
F. E. Bauer, Jr.		16.50	
Mrs. C. I. Holton		28.00	
William Hilliard		27.38	
	\$	241.74	
Unexpended Balance to 1954		201.88	
			\$ 443.62

Cemeteries

Appropriation		\$	1,125.00
Nfld. Water Co.	\$	12.00	
William Janes		316.76	
Florin Andrew		59.81	
Andrew Sheldon		72.49	
Albert Allen		20.80	
Robert Scott		9.43	
John Ware		60.45	
G. C. Buffum		1.39	
Miller Hardware		14.64	
Smead Lumber Co.		13.72	
Gerald Stebbins		13.33	
Frank Anderson		24.00	
Stearns Garage		3.78	
F. A. Irish		2.70	
Elton Kinsman		22.30	
Morgan Garage		2.50	
Robert Pratt		97.50	
David Quinn		75.00	
William Hoehn		6.50	
G. N. Kidder		50.80	
John Hammond		10.25	
William Stewart		20.25	
Murray Hammond		27.86	
Peter Yarmac		186.74	
			\$ 1,125.00

Northfield Farms Cemetery Grading

Appropriation	\$	250.00	
Reserve		180.00	
			\$ 430.00
Ernest Nash	\$	23.50	

Murray Hammond	17.50
Franklin Farmers Exch.	22.54
Joseph Bartus	34.00
J. L. Dunnell & Son	1.25
Mackin Trucking Co.	61.60
N. W. S. & G. Co.	62.31
Peter Yarmac	186.90
Frederick Clough	6.90
Ernest Kenney	6.00
Town Truck	7.50
	\$ 430.00

Recapitulation

	Appropriation	Payments	Balance
	\$	\$	\$
Moderator	15.00	15.00	—
Selectmen & Welfare Board	1,100.00	1,100.00	—
Selectmen's Expense	250.25	137.59	112.66
Accountant	950.00	950.00	—
Accountant Expense	75.00	67.45	7.55
Legal Expense	250.00	204.54	45.46
Treasurer	900.00	900.00	—
Treasurer Expense	375.83	375.83	—
Tax Collector	750.00	750.00	—
Tax Collector Expense	567.31	567.31	—
Assessors & Clerk	1,250.00	1,000.00	250.00
Assessors & Clerk Expense	225.00	191.76	33.24
Town Clerk	500.00	500.00	—
Town Clerk Expense	80.00	56.56	23.44
Election & Registration	900.00	660.40	239.60
Town Hall	4,800.00	4,786.07	13.93
Constables	500.00	429.32	70.68
Fire Dept.	3,115.21	3,115.21	—
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00	—
Water Holes	400.00	400.00	—
Sites, Plans, Fire Station	200.00	60.00	140.00
Portable Pump	450.00	400.00	50.00
Public Safety	25.00	15.00	10.00
Wire Inspector	50.00	—	50.00
Sealer Weights & Measures	150.00	150.00	—
Sealer Expense	25.00	—	25.00
Gypsy Moth	1,350.00	1,337.85	12.15
Dutch Elm Disease	600.00	600.00	—
Dog Officer & Expense	150.00	115.25	34.75
Health	1,316.45	1,316.45	—
Nurse & Substitute	2,550.00	2,550.00	—
Nurse Expense	75.00	68.34	6.66
Nurse Car Expense	573.50	502.21	71.29

	Appropriation	Payments	Balance
Inspection of Animals	177.23	177.23	—
Inspection of Meat & Slaughter	50.00	50.00	—
Tools	200.00	128.31	71.69
Hwy. Chapter 81	22,750.00	22,749.99	.01
Hwy. Chapter 90 Construction	8,000.00	7,999.99	.01
Hwy. Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,250.00	2,250.00	—
Railings	900.00	826.86	73.14
Sidewalk Repairs	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Bridges	3,000.00	2,968.03	31.97
Street Lights	5,154.00	4,438.56	715.44
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys, Plans	100.00	—	100.00
Winter Hwy. Work	200.00	200.00	—
Public Welfare Adm.	2,500.00	2,244.39	255.61
General Relief	3,140.15	2,611.88	528.27
O.A.A.	40,034.25	35,787.42	4,246.83
A.D.C.	6,000.00	4,555.14	1,444.86
D.A.	4,000.00	2,717.69	1,282.31
Soldiers Relief	3,744.47	3,744.47	—
School Committee	300.00	300.00	—
Schools	92,794.20	92,534.77	259.43
School Bldg. Survey Com.	1,200.00	897.93	302.07
Adult Vocational Education	729.68	729.68	—
Nfld. Farms Library	150.00	150.00	—
Dickinson Library	4,800.00	4,800.00	—
Alexander Hall	175.00	121.25	53.75
Insurance	2,500.00	2,500.00	—
Interest	200.00	—	200.00
Damages	200.00	—	200.00
Town Clock & Fountain	150.00	81.25	68.75
Town Reports	775.30	775.30	—
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	300.00	14.75	285.25
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00	—	25.00
Memorial Day	240.00	228.03	11.97
Playground & Athletic Field	400.00	382.66	17.34
Fish	200.00	200.00	—
Zoning Investigation	200.00	—	200.00
Repairs, Discontinued School Bldgs.	1,100.00	888.56	211.44
Back Bills	423.76	423.76	—
Cemeteries	1,125.00	1,125.00	—
Nfld. Farms Cemetery Grading	430.00	430.00	—
Unexpended Balances to Revenue			
Fire Truck	17,000.00	—	17,000.00
Fire Station & Town Garage	5,000	3,610.50	1,389.50
Regional School Com.	300.00	—	300.00
Civil Defense	500.48	410.59	89.89
World War II Memorial			

	Appropriation	Payments	Balance
List & Expenses	75.00	—	75.00
Cemetery Lots Filing System	300.00	—	300.00
Unexpended Balances to 1954			
Tree Warden	665.00	655.00	10.00
Unexpended Balance to Reserve Fund			
Machinery Maintenance	6,000.00	5,503.29	496.71
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Fund			
Snow Removal	8,000.00	7,271.85	728.15
Unexpended Balance to Surplus Revenue			
Reserve Fund	4,010.00	1,555.48	2,454.52
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve			
Refunds on taxes		339.14	
O.A.A. Adm. U. S. Grant	1,611.69	945.98	665.71
O.A.A. U. S. Grant	31,576.73	21,323.02	10,253.71
A.D.C. Adm. U. S. Grant	425.84	135.62	290.22
A.D.C. U. S. Grant	3,251.30	2,289.45	961.85
D.A. Adm. U. S. Grant	176.61	17.27	159.34
D.A. U. S. Grant	1,797.16	783.10	1,014.06
Tailings	283.58	62.00	221.58
School Lunch	12,793.45	11,365.88	1,427.57
School Athletics	323.20	311.52	11.68
Dog Licenses	683.80	674.80	9.00
Withholding Taxes	12,330.05	11,277.55	1,052.50
Co. Retirement	1,710.96	1,512.25	198.65
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	1,176.25	1,176.25	—
State Parks & Reservations		299.90	
State Audit		773.44	
U. S. Bond Income	250.00	250.00	—
Veterans Service Center		744.49	
Co. Retirement System		1,057.40	
Co. Tax		9,454.75	
Co. Dog Officer		52.00	
Wild Cat Bounty		20.00	
Trust Funds	600.00	600.00	—
Belcher Library Fund		451.22	36.40
P. C. Center Cemetery		479.65	371.47
P.C. West Northfield		241.74	201.88
P.C. Nfld. Farms	263.17	263.17	—
Smith Hughes Barden Fund	400.00	108.00	292.00
O.A.A. Recovery	3,436.21	1,609.87	1,826.34
Total Payments by Warrants			\$309,324.58
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1953			94,352.84
			\$403,677.42

BALANCE SHEET TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

DECEMBER 31, 1953

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities and Reserves</i>	
Cash	\$ 94,352.84	Payroll Deductions	
Accounts Receivable		Federal Taxes	\$ 1,052.50
Taxes		County Retirement	198.65
Levy of 1951		Dog Licenses Due County	9.00
Real Estate	196.83	Trust Fund Income	
		Elisha Alexander	\$ 408.81
Levy of 1952		George F. Morgan	141.13
Poll	16.00	Roselle Evans	97.52
Personal Property	192.52	Belcher Center School	120.97
Real Estate	3,751.30	Belcher Library	36.40
		Montague Library	114.47
Levy of 1953		Dickinson Book	129.70
Poll	132.00	P.C. Center Cemetery	371.47
Personal Property	2,001.28	P.C. West Nfld.	201.88
Real Estate	67,209.20	P.C. Calvin Stearns	16.37
		P.C. Mary Callender	41.57
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	69,342.48	Cost on Taxes	1,680.39
1951		Tailings	19.10
		Federal Grants	221.58
		O.A.A.	
1952	67.73	O.A.A. Adm.	10,253.71
1953	783.46	A.D.C.	665.71
	4,612.74		961.85
	5,463.93		

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust & Investment Funds		
In Custody of Treasurer	\$ 60,917.01	\$ 2,020.00
In Custody of Selectmen	2,323.00	8,657.61
In Custody of Trustees	8,657.61	848.07
		3,000.00
		1,600.00
		1,250.00
		9,759.01
		3,000.00
		2,000.00
		2,000.00
		500.00
		500.00
		8,320.00
		13,314.75
		303.00
		12,345.18
		500.00
		2,000.00
		\$ 71,897.62

BALANCE SHEET TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

STATE AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 1952

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash — General		Employees' Payroll Deductions :	\$ 982.05
Accounts Receivable :	\$123,343.00	Federal Taxes	245.80
Taxes :		County Retirement System	1,227.85
Levy of 1950 :		Agency :	
Personal Property	\$ 5.53	County — Dog Licenses	3.60
Real Estate	62.20	Tailings — Unclaimed Checks	283.58
Levy of 1951 :		Gifts and Bequests :	
Poll	22.00	Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequest	100.00
Personal Property	386.70	Trust Fund Income :	
Real Estate	4,727.70	Elisha Alexander Charity	\$ 353.26
Levy of 1952 :		Fund	
Poll	56.00	George F. Morgan Charity	58.07
Personal Property	1,580.10	Fund	
Real Estate	17,717.41	Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	83.68
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise :		Fund	86.91
Levy of 1950	\$ 2.58	Belcher Center School Fund	229.00
Levy of 1951	744.51	Belcher Library Fund	64.47
Levy of 1952	2,051.13	Maudé Montague Library Fund	
	2,798.22		

Tax Titles and Possessions:					
Tax Titles				Charles P. Dickinson Library	
Tax Possessions	\$ 3,024.11			Book Fund	54.24
	417.66			Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	472.13
Departmental:				Northfield Farms Cemetery	
Sidewalk Construction				Funds	177.67
Disability Assistance	\$ 162.38			West Northfield Cemetery	
Aid to Dependent Children	14.88			Funds	218.26
Old Age Assistance	822.30			Calvin Stearns Cemetery	
Veterans' Services	188.14			Fund	2.53
	177.50			Mary H. Callender Cemetery	
Aid to Highways:				Fund	27.73
State	\$ 13,666.46				1,827.95
County	2,749.91				
				Recoveries:	
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:				Old Age Assistance	272.66
Due from County:				Federal Grants:	
Wild Cat Bounty	\$ 10.00			Disability Assistance:	
Dog Officer Expense	6.50			Administration	91.68
				Assistance	327.16
Underestimates 1952:				Aid to Dependent Children:	
State Parks and Reservations				Administration	5.43
Assessment	\$ 23.94			Aid	411.27
State Audit of Municipal				Old Age Assistance:	
Accounts	86.75			Administration	400.46
				Assistance	7,491.56
				Revolving Funds:	
				School Lunch	809.86
				School Athletics	62.70
					872.56

Appropriation Balances :

Revenue :		
Civilian Defense	\$ 200.48	
Planning Board — Zoning	200.00	
School Building Survey Committee	1,200.00	1,600.48
Overestimate 1952 — County Tax		745.57
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,260.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		1,652.62
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations :		
Road Machinery		10,738.40
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		6,149.57
Overlays Reserved for Abatements :		
Levy of 1950	\$ 66.62	
Levy of 1951	4,026.62	
Levy of 1952	5,590.42	9,683.66
Revenue Reserved Until Collected :		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 2,798.22	
Tax Title and Possession Departmental	3,441.77	
Aid to Highway	1,365.20	
Surplus Revenue	16,416.37	24,021.56
		102,881.77
		\$172,049.39

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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:
 Cash and Securities:
 In Custody of Treasurer
 In Custody of Selectmen
 In Custody of Trustees

\$ 60,620.34
 2,323.00
 8,981.95

Elisha Alexander Charity Fund
 (In Custody of Selectmen)
 Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund
 (In Custody of Trustees)
 Lottie Evans Charity Fund
 George F. Morgan Charity Fund
 Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund
 Surplus Revenue School Fund
 Belcher Center School Fund
 Belcher Library Fund
 Charles P. Dickinson Library Fund
 Maude Montague Library Fund
 James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund
 Belcher Center Cemetery Fund
 Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund
 Mary H. Callender Cemetery Fund
 West Northfield Cemetery Fund
 Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:
 In Custody of Treasurer
 In Custody of Selectmen
 Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

\$ 2,020.00
 8,981.95
 836.44
 3,000.00
 500.00
 1,600.00
 1,250.00
 9,739.01
 3,000.00
 2,000.00
 2,000.00
 2,000.00
 500.00
 500.00
 8,470.00
 * 12,914.75
 303.00
 12,310.14

\$ 71,925.29

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* Includes \$100.00 in General Treasury.

DICKINSON LIBRARY REPORT

At the opening of 1953 the Board of Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library was composed of the following members: Mrs. Louise M. Reeves, Chairman; Miss C. Ina Merriman, Mrs. Gwendolyn O. Leavis, Mr. Luman A. Barber, Mr. Horace H. Morse, Secretary; and Mr. Winthrop W. Sanderson. In the Town Report of 1952, page 3, Winthrop W. Spencer is listed as a Library Trustee. It should have been Winthrop W. Sanderson.

At the town meeting of February 2, 1953 Mrs. Louise M. Reeves and Mr. Luman A. Barber were elected to the Library Board to serve for three years, and Mrs. Gwendolyn O. Leavis for two years.

On November 4 Miss Merriman resigned and Mrs. W. B. Wells was unanimously chosen to serve in Miss Merriman's place until the next town meeting. Miss Merriman's resignation closed a long career of service to the Dickinson Memorial Library. During 1929 and 1930 she had been successively acting librarian and librarian. Her service as a trustee was uninterrupted from 1936 to 1953 inclusive. From February 7, 1940 to February 6, 1952 she was the Chairman of the Board. In that position she served with marked efficiency and utter devotion. The Board has spread upon its records an appreciation of this distinguished service.

The appended Librarian's Report notes the near completion of the catalogue. It makes easily accessible a collection of books not on the shelves downstairs.

The Librarian's Report also calls attention to the organization of the new Regional Library Center in Greenfield. It should give to the communities it serves a much larger range of materials than has hitherto been available. It is hoped Northfield may make full use of it. The Librarian's Report can give only a hint of the varied and steady service the Librarian and her staff throughout the year are rendering to our community.

Suggestions for the expansion and improvement of the work of the Library are always welcome.

LOUISE M. REEVES, Chairman
HORACE H. MORSE, Secretary

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library:

The total circulation of books and magazines for 1953 shows a decrease of 812 over 1952, and is as follows:

1952		1953	
Books, adult fiction	9038	Books, adult fiction	8744
Books, adult non-fiction	2517	Books, adult non-fiction	2890
Books, juvenile	5783	Books, juvenile	5785
Books, juvenile non-fiction	1989	Books, juvenile non-fiction	1680
Periodicals, adult	1535	Periodicals, adult	1291
Periodicals, juvenile	461	Periodicals, juvenile	465
Bookmobile books	2745	Bookmobile books	2693
Inter-library loan	381	Inter-library loan	89
	24,449		23,637

No doubt there are several reasons for the decrease in circulation of the past two years. Many librarians feel that Television is one big reason why the adults and possibly the young people too, are not finding as much time for reading.

It might be of interest to note that, notwithstanding the decrease in the past two years, the circulation for 1953 is still 8382 more than eight years ago.

Books added during the year are as follows:

By purchase, adult fiction	137
By purchase, adult non-fiction	63
By purchase, juvenile fiction	69
By purchase, juvenile non-fiction	22
Gifts to the library by friends	245

Total	536
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The most outstanding gifts for the year were made by the following donors: Mr. Norman Myers, Mrs. Neva Barber, Mrs. W. D. Miller, and Mr. Philip Payne.

1185 books were borrowed from the State Bookmobile during the year for the use of the library; and 508 were left by them in "other parts of the town." This service was interrupted in the fall by the illness of the driver, which accounts for the small number of books borrowed in comparison with 1952.

With the passing of a bill in the State Legislature in the early spring, the service of the bookmobile has been extended to cover 37 towns, which will mean better service in 1954. They now have a new Regional Library Center at 4 Fiske Avenue, Greenfield, with added personnel and other facilities. Libraries and organizations may borrow films and records as well as books.

We also borrowed on inter-library loan, 37 volumes which had been requested by our readers from other libraries.

At present we have 875 registered borrowers and 20 non-residents were registered during the year.

The sum of \$170.50 was received as fines on overdue books and periodicals and paid to the town treasurer.

During the spring months, classes from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades were given instruction by the librarian on "How to use the library." This year we expect to include the 5th grade. Classes are held during the morning hours so as not to interfere with the regular work of the library.

The Girl Scouts put on two exhibits at the library in the fall; one on "Pictures of the birds of America," in October; and one on "Feeding the birds," in December. Miss Maud Hamilton displayed her pictures of "Trees of New England." We hope to have more exhibits in the coming months.

During the summer, the librarian catalogued and shelved 650 books on the second floor; books which are not in circulation but which are of value to historians and writers or anyone interested in genealogy. This practically completes the recataloguing project which was started in 1942 by Mrs. Marjorie Norton. Total number catalogued 13,517.

No record has been kept of the requests for subject material needed by students; although these requests actually mean one of the heaviest demands on the time of the librarians and requires constant additions to our books in the different departments.

The library will be open on the same schedule in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FLORENCE PHELPS,
Librarian.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOREST FIRE WARDEN

During the year of 1953 there were 51 calls to the Fire Department and all fires resulted in very little damage or loss. The fires were largely chimney fires, brush and grass fires.

There were 752 permits issued for burning.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT P. STEARNS,
Fire Chief — Forest Warden.

Report of Public Health Nurse

I herewith submit my report as Public Health Nurse for the year 1953;

The Annual Well Child Conference sponsored by the Board of Health was held in June for 2½ days with Dr. Cownie of Greenfield as attending Pediatrician. There were 58 children of Pre-school age examined at this clinic.

The Annual Pre-School clinic was held in June with Dr. F. Wilton Dean, school physician, in charge. There were 42 children registered at this clinic and the remainder of children entering the first grade were examined upon entering school in September.

This year, as in the past few years, we had two children attending the Greenfield Health Camp. Each year Northfield is represented at this camp with a boy for the first camp sessions (July) and a girl for the month of August. Children between the ages of 8-12 are eligible to attend this camp.

The following is an account of my work for the entire year:

Non-Communicable Visits	1315
Antepartum Visits	10
Post Partum Visits	3
Infant Health Supervision	13
Tuberculosis Contacts	2
People not taken under care	2
Personal Service	1
Visits made and parents not at home	1

Visits regarding school children	43
Transportation (Emergencies Only)	44
Meetings Attended	16

Total visits	1434
Total Fees Collected	\$318.40

I want to take the opportunity at this time to thank the Selectmen, each citizen who has given up her free time to help me when I have needed assistance at my clinics, and all the residents for their cooperation in making my work so pleasant throughout this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA E. MANKOWSKY, R. N.

Cemetery Commissioners Report

The various cemeteries of Northfield have had their usual care and oversight and the Northfield Farms cemetery has had much improvement made to its road.

The following bills have been approved:

CENTER CEMETERY

William Janes	\$116.03	Kidder and Co.	44.80
Andrew Sheldon	72.49	Morgans Garage	2.50
Florin Andrews	59.81	F. A. Irish	2.70
Gerald Stebbins	13.33	Elton B. Kinsman	15.30
Albert Allen	20.80	Robert Pratt	120.75
Robert Scott	9.43	Labor	3.00
John Ware	59.45	Central Vermont R. R.	5.00
	—	Stearns Garage	4.66
	\$351.34	George N. Kidder	96.00
Northfield Water Co.	\$ 12.00	David G. Quinn	75.00
W. D. Miller	14.54	Ernest Kenney	321.20
G. C. Buffum	1.39	William F. Hoehn, Notary	6.50
Smead Lumber Co.	13.72		—
Frank Anderson	24.00		\$949.55
William Janes	304.26		

FARMS CEMETERY (For Care)

William Stewart	\$124.50	Frank Stratton	7.00
Elton Kinsman	10.00	Murray Hammond	23.81
John Hammond	8.60		—
			\$173.91

FARMS CEMETERY (Grading)

Mackin Trucking Co.	\$ 61.60	Ernest Nash	23.50
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co.	62.31	Joseph Bartus	34.00
J. L. Dunnell	1.25	Franklin Farmers Exchange	22.54
Murray Hammond	42.36	Peter Yarmac	480.00
John Hammond	6.00		<u>733.56</u>

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Carlton Holton	\$ 82.20	William Hilliard	27.38
Phillip Holton	69.85	Mrs. C. I. Holton	28.00
Ralph Holton	13.20		<u> </u>
Kidder and Co.	4.59		\$241.74
J. E. Bauer Jr.	16.50		

RECEIVED FROM SALE OF LOTS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Lot & No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Gordon Estabrook Sweet	W. Northfield	1 Lot 94	\$25.00
Mrs. Eva Smart	W. Northfield	½ Lot 93½	15.00
Mrs. Ernest C. Blodgett	W. Northfield	½ Lot 161½	15.00
Edward Parmiter	W. Northfield	1 Lot 157	25.00
Mrs. Stanley Smolen	W. Northfield	1 Lot 152	25.00
Robert B. Thomas	W. Northfield	1 Lot 88	25.00
Roger W. Greenwood	W. Northfield	½ Lot 114	15.00
John W. Greenwood	W. Northfield	1 Lot 113	25.00
Richard Barrows	W. Northfield	1 Lot 117	25.00
Dr. Walter S. Jones	Mt. Hermon	1½ Lot 28	37.50
Axel R. Forslund	Mt. Hermon	1 Lot 14½	25.00
William & Sarah Eberhardt	Mt. Hermon	½ Lot 1	15.00
			<u>272.50</u>
Paid to the Town of Northfield			\$272.50

Special Care of Mrs. George Spofford Lot:

January 1, Received	\$ 3.05
July Received	3.05
	<u> </u>
	\$ 6.10
Labor	\$ 6.10

DAVID G. QUINN, Chairman,
CARLTON W. HOLTON,
MURRAY M. HAMMOND.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Again during 1953 the planning board met with the special school committee which has now made its final report. As has already been reported at a special town meeting, the building of a regional high school seems to be the best solution of the school problem. It is hoped that next year more attention can be paid to other ways to improve Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,
F. WILTON DEAN, Sec.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee was organized for the year with A. Gordon Moody, as chairman and Dorothy L. Miller as secretary, and has held six meetings. All financial matters coming before the town have been considered and recommendations made.

Transfers from the \$4000 Reserve Fund were authorized as follows:

April 28—Town Reports	\$ 75.30	
Sept. 8—Northfield Farms Cemetery	180.00	
Tree Warden	15.00	
Nov. 16—Tax Collector's Expense	67.31	
Fire Department	319.78	
Dec. 30—Treasurer's Expense	25.83	
Fire Department	279.43	
Health Department	190.70	
Inspector of Animals	2.23	
Adult Education	29.68	
Soldiers' Relief	244.47	
Dec. 31—Public Health	125.75	
Total	\$ 1,555.48	
	Balance	2,444.52

A. GORDON MOODY, Chairman
DOROTHY L. MILLER, Secretary
ROSS L. SPENCER
WILLIAM E. PARK
ROGER M. GREENWOOD
ELLWYN E. MILLER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1953

School Committee

Louis Abbey, Chairman

Term expires 1955

Irving Lawrence, Secretary

Term expires 1956

Roy Fish

Term expires 1954

Meetings of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Thursday of each month, except July and August, at 2:00 P.M., at the Center School.

Superintendent of Schools

F. Sumner Turner

Dartmouth A.B. — Harvard M.Ed.

Boston University — University of Massachusetts

Office, Center School, Tel. 757

School Secretary

Jean McComb

Office Hours

School Days, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

School Vacations, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.

School Nurse

Barbara Mankowsky, R.N.

Tel. 2156

School Calendar (1954-1955)

Schools Open January 4, 1954

Close February 19, 1954

Schools Open March 1, 1954

Close April 15, 1954

Schools Open April 26, 1954

Close June 18, 1954

Schools Open September 8, 1954

Close December 22, 1954

Schools Open January 3, 1955

Close February 18, 1955

Report of School Superintendent

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to present herewith my sixth annual report dealing with the progress made within the public schools during the year 1953. This is the 217th report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

Teacher Changes

The past year brought only one change in our school faculty. For the most part, the continuity of the teaching staff is most desirable and beneficial to the pupils of our schools. The town of Northfield has every reason to be proud of their teachers and the splendid job they are doing.

Mrs. Ruth Stebbins resigned as of November 1st to take up residence in the state of Florida. Mrs. Marion Nau of Greenfield was appointed to teach grades 2—3 for the remainder of the school year.

Pupil Housing Conditions

Each year finds our facilities for housing our pupils becoming more critical. The accepted standard of 25 and 30 pupils per room for teacher and pupil efficiency and room accommodations has, in many cases, been exceeded. As of December 31, 1953, the building enrollments are as follows:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
1	26	Mrs. Ruth Bolton
1	26	Mrs. Dorothea Holt
2	28	Mrs. Virginia Haack
2—3	11—2 12—3	Mrs. Marion Nau
3	29	Miss Mary Dalton
4	33	Mrs. Dorothy Herrick
5	35	Mrs. Evelyn Parker
6	40	Mr. Hugh S. Hayden
Total	240	

The total school census taken on October 1, 1953, contains the names of forty-seven pupils to enter school in the fall. The opening registration and room placement in September, 1954, is forecast as follows:

Grade 1 — 23	Grade 4 — 41
Grade 1 — 24	Grade 5 — 33
Grade 2 — 26	Grade 6 — 35
Grade 2 — 26	
Grade 3 — 39	Total — 247

The committee is far from pleased with the placing of thirty-nine pupils in Grade 3 in one room.

The enrollment in the High School building is as follows:

Grade 7 — 43	Grade 10 — 17
Grade 8 — 24	Grade 11 — 15
Grade 9 — 23	Grade 12 — 15

Total ——— 136

With forty pupils due to enter Grade 7 and the usual losses due to graduation and other causes, the high school registration is forecast at about 148. This will mean two sections in Grade 7 and two in Grade 8. It will be most difficult to program that many classes with the existing rooms. It probably will be necessary to ask for the use of the rear room of Alexander Hall on a full time basis and the use of the front room at least part time. It will be impossible for the High School building to offer any room to the Center School as has been done in the past.

Not only is the problem acute for classrooms, but lunch room, storage, toilet facilities are heavily overtaxed. Each day almost 300 pupils are fed a complete lunch in the lunch room. Some tables are used three times.

In a word, the number of pupils eligible for school in Northfield is rapidly approaching the absolute limit of our housing facilities.

The solution of this housing problem can no longer be safely postponed.

The Northfield School Building Survey Committee of 50 members completed their report and presented it to the town at a special town meeting on November 19, 1953. The members of this committee deserve unlimited praise for their well-written and detailed report. This report shows that "The Committee of 50", through exhaustive study, attained a clear and complete understanding of the educational needs of the Town of Northfield. There are still a few copies of this report available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Town in the special town meeting voted to instruct the moderator to appoint a Regional School District Planning Board. Mr. Robert Barnes, Mr. Harold Parsons and Mr. Irving J. Lawrence were appointed as the representatives of Northfield. These members together with the members from Bernardston and Warwick have been busily at work investigating the possibilities and need of a Regional Junior and Senior High School and are writing the agreement under which this school would operate. When this report is presented to the Selectmen and the Citizens of the town, it should receive complete study by every voter. The time for an efficient long range and financially wise solution is at hand.

Textbooks

During the year new textbooks were added in Literature, Grade 9 and 12; Typewriting; Spelling, Grade 2—8; and Reading books,

Grade 4 and 5. The growing numbers in each class demand many additions of existing texts.

School Cafeteria

In spite of crowded conditions 39,651 type A complete lunches and 5,260 bottles of milk were served. When one realizes that the type A lunch contains at least 2 oz. serving of meat, fish, cheese, peanut butter, egg, dried beans or peas, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of cooked or raw fruit or vegetable, one or more slices of whole grain or enriched bread, 2 teaspoons of butter or fortified margarine and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint whole milk, and usually dessert of some kind, it is easily seen why this program is so popular with pupils and parents alike. With the aid of Federal reimbursements and surplus commodities the price per lunch has remained at \$.20. The success of our Lunch Program is in great measure due to the splendid work of Mrs. Eugene Hammond, Mrs. Minnie Huber, Mrs. Susie Hillock and Mrs. Charlotte Black.

Adult Education

The Practical Art Classes, sponsored by the Northfield Evening Practical Art program, continues to find interest among the adult population. During the year, 117 adults entered creative work and instruction.

January to May 1953

<i>Class</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Rug Hooking	14	Mrs. Ralph Spencer
Sewing	16	Mrs. William Black
Chair Caning	15	Mr. Ralph Sargent
Textile Painting	16	Mr. Douglas Jones
Total		61

October to December 1953

Rug Hooking	21	Mrs. Ralph Spencer
Decorative Arts	16	Miss Harriet Hawkes
Chair Caning	19	Mr. Ralph Sargent
Total		56

Total for Year 117

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Northfield Evening Practical Arts

Appropriation	\$ 700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	29.68
Reimbursement from State	148.81
George Barden Fund	400.00
Registration — Spring	61.00
Registration — Fall	56.00

Tuition — Spring	3.00	
Tuition — Town of Gill	9.60	
Tuition — Town of Bernardston	29.40	
Total	\$1,439.49	\$1,439.49
Expenditures:		
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 700.00	
Northfield Schools	20.00	
Western Mass. Electric	30.68	
McIntosh & Son, Inc.	24.00	
Jack Spindler	60.00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	3.00	
Total		\$ 837.68
Balance		601.81
Net Cost to Town		\$ 127.87

Due to the fact that all monies except the George Barden Funds, must be entered in surplus funds of the town, the program must ask for a considerable appropriation. However, it will be noticed that the actual cost to the taxpayer was only \$127.87 for the year 1953.

Repair and Improvements

The redecoration program was continued by redecorating three classrooms, the office, nurse's room, cafeteria in the Center School and by repairing the roof and repainting the outside trim of the High School. An incinerator was added to the boiler room of the Center School. This is proving to be of great savings in rubbish disposal as well as helping to keep the building neat and safer from fire. From lunch funds, a 42 cu. ft. refrigerator, cooks' work table and a cabinet were added to the equipment of the lunch room.

The exterior of the Center School will need attention next summer. There remains one classroom, corridors of the Center School, four classrooms, teachers' room, office, toilet rooms, and corridors of the High School Building needing redecoration. It seems most wise to continue the present program of redecoration.

Finances

This past year the educational program cost the local taxpayer \$57,865.13. The total expenditure was \$92,534.17, the difference of \$34,669.64 being, for the most part, state reimbursements. These reimbursements represent 37% of the total bill. This year our enrollment increased from 342 to 380. This makes the net cost to the local taxpayer of \$163.16 per pupil for the fiscal year 1952 and \$152.26 for the fiscal year 1953. On the per pupil basis the net cost of education was \$10.90 less than the previous year.

Under the present reimbursement laws the State Aid and other reimbursements should approximate \$37,562.53 in 1954.

This figure is derived as follows:

Chapter 70 State Aid	\$17,647.48
Vocational Tuition	1,071.86
Vocational Transportation	818.62
Supt. Salary and Travel	1,225.57
Transportation	14,337.00
State Wards	2,000.00
Warwick Tuition	462.00
	\$37,562.53

These reimbursements depend, in part, on the expenditures and can vary from the estimated figures.

Next year's budget calls for an expenditure of \$98,300.00. This represents an increase of 6.2% over the expenditures of the last year. If the estimated receipts should prove to be correct this means an increase of \$2,872.34 to the local taxpayer. If our estimated enrollment figures are well taken, it would mean a per pupil net cost of \$151.84, as compared with \$152.26 for this year. In general, personal services and transportation are the chief causes of the increased total.

Once again, as our schools face the new year with many grave problems yet to be solved, I sincerely invite you to visit our schools in action. In that way, you can observe first hand our achievements, our shortcomings, our handicaps and our perplexing problems. Your suggestions, based on that knowledge, will prove of great help to us. I feel that this quotation from the School Executive magazine best expresses this situation: "Working with others, you will not only learn how good your schools are, but you will discover how good you want your school to become."

I wish to thank the School Committee, Principals, Teachers, Secretarial Staff and workers of our schools for their continued cooperation and assistance. Likewise, I thank the parents, town departments, pupils, and civic organizations in helping to make 1953 a most successful school year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER
Superintendent of Schools

Report of School Organization

HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	<i>Where Educated</i>
George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.
Evelyn G. Lawley	Science	Boston University, M.Ed.
	Assistant Principal	Smith College, A.M.
	Science	*University of Massachusetts
	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Social Studies	
Nellie W. Dearstyne	Spanish	American International College, B.A.
	English	Springfield College, M.Ed.
		*Columbia University
Thomas C. Higgins, Jr.	Mathematics	Merrill Business College
	Social Studies	University of Maine, B.A.
	Physical Education	*University of Connecticut
M. Carleton Brown	Commercial	
		Bay Path Institute
Eleanor A. Hammond	Latin	*Northeastern University
	Social Studies	Wheaton College, A.B.
	Mathematics	Mount Holyoke, A.M.
		*Boston University
		*Colorado College of Agriculture and Mining

Beryle M. Hammond	Home Economics English	University of New Hampshire, B.S. *University of Massachusetts
Jean E. Kozolowski	English	Tufts College, B.A.
Virginia Raymond	Music Supervisor	Boston University, B.A.
Barbara Mankowsky	School Nurse	Mercy Hospital, R.N., Springfield, Mass.
Jeannette L. Rich	Art Supervisor	Mass. School of Art, B.S. in Ed. *Booth Bay Summer School

* Attended without graduation.

CENTER SCHOOL

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	<i>Where Educated</i>
Dorothy T. Herrick	Principal	Fitchburg Normal
Ruth Bolton	Grade 4	*University Extension
Mrs. Marion Nau	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Virginia S. Haack	Grades 2 and 3	*University Extension
	Grade 2	Fitchburg Normal
		Stevens Institute Technology (Academy)
		* Leslie College Extension Course
		Berlitz School of Language
		*University Extension
		*University of Maryland
Dorothea B. Holt	Grade 1	Keene Teachers College
		*University of Vermont
		*University Extension
		Keene Teachers College Extension

Mary E. Dalton

Grade 3

Northfield Seminary
*Massachusetts State Teachers' College

*Hyannis Normal

*University Extension

Evelyn H. Parker
Hugh S. Hayden

Grade 5
Grade 6

North Adams State Teachers, B.S.
University of New Hampshire, B.S.

*Attended without graduation.

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

John Spindler

Part-Time Assistant
Charles Janes

Mrs. Minnie Huber

SCHOOL LUNCH

Mrs. Charlotte Black

Mrs. Susie Hillock

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation <i>Item</i>	Appropriation 1953	Expended 1953	Recommended 1954
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 2,108.67	\$ 2,293.00
Out-of-State Travel	35.00	28.00	35.00
Administration Expense	121.00	127.50	141.00
Clerk	735.00	735.03	822.00
Salaries, Teachers	53,332.50	52,385.45	57,197.00
Supervisor, Music	883.50	933.00	960.00
Supervisor, Art	694.00	498.53	672.00
Supervisor, Penmanship	500.00	450.00	500.00
Textbooks	1,000.00	937.15	1,000.00
Supplies, Student	1,500.00	1,638.33	1,500.00
Domestic Science	100.00	69.67	100.00
Supplies, Janitor	600.00	882.85	500.00
Salaries, Janitor	3,950.00	4,015.42	3,950.00
Sports Officials	100.00	111.50	100.00
Fuel	3,404.00	2,636.20	3,000.00
Water and Current	950.00	972.42	950.00
Repairs	500.00	905.96	500.00
New Equipment	700.00	918.88	500.00
Medical, Physician	300.00	300.00	300.00
Nurse	600.00	600.00	650.00
Tuition, Vocational	2,700.00	2,082.78	2,180.00
Transportation	14,196.00	14,575.43	16,650.00
Transportation, Vocational	1,837.00	1,591.58	2,200.00
Sundry Education	600.00	759.25	600.00
Special Project	1,300.00	2,271.17	1,000.00
Totals	\$ 92,791.00	\$ 92,534.77	\$ 98,300.00
Refund	3.20		
	\$ 92,794.20		
Returned to Town Treasury			\$ 259.20

State Aid and Net Cost of Education

Year	Total Expenditures	State Aid and Other Receipts	%	Net Cost of Education
1942	\$ 35,100.20	\$ 11,737.39	33	\$ 23,362.81
1943	35,494.34	11,364.94	32	24,129.40
1944	38,389.09	10,164.53	27	28,524.56
1945	41,091.11	10,545.66	26	30,545.45
1946	44,768.34	10,967.61	25	33,800.73
1947	57,711.99	19,561.29	33.9	38,150.70
1948	60,267.81	20,824.44	34.5	39,443.37

1949	68,938.71	28,504.23	41.3	40,479.48
1950	74,641.75	31,808.52	43.6	42,833.42
1951	82,123.95	32,881.28	40	49,242.67
1952	88,485.13	32,682.11	37	55,803.02
1953	92,534.77	34,669.64	37	57,865.13

Net Cost of Schools in 1953

Expenditures		\$ 92,534.77
State of Massachusetts Reimbursements:		
Chapter 70 as amended 1948 Chapter 643	\$ 17,647.48	
Vocational Tuition	1,056.24	
Transportation	12,297.68	
Vocational Transportation	856.13	
State Wards: Tuition and Transportation	1,365.93	
Supt.'s Salary and Travel	1,222.18	
Tuition: Town of Warwick	224.00	
		\$ 34,669.64
1953 Net Cost of Education		\$ 57,865.13
1952 Net Cost of Education		55,803.02
Net Increase		\$ 2,062.11
Net Cost Per Pupil Fiscal Year 1952		\$ 163.16
Net Cost Per Pupil Fiscal Year 1953		\$ 152.26

CENTER SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM

January, 1953 - December, 1953

Net Worth (Cash, Inventory, Claims) \$ 2,045.89

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash Balance		\$ 809.86
Complete Lunch (Student)	\$ 7,671.80	
Complete Lunch (Adult)	653.10	
Milk	282.71	
Government Reimbursement	3,872.45	
Miscellaneous	2.00	

Receipts for the Year		12,482.06
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Total		\$ 13,291.92
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Disbursements

Food	\$ 4,592.15
Milk	2,658.91
Salaries	2,966.52

Other	2,073.22	
Total		12,290.80
Cash Balance		\$ 1,001.12
Cash Balance	\$ 1,001.12	
Inventory	377.35	
U. S. D. A. Claims—Nov.	422.62	
Dec.	386.64	
Total Assests		\$ 2,187.73
Liabilities (Unpaid Bills)		
Lindell Motor Express	\$ 8.00	
Com. of Mass.	12.00	
Total Liabilities		20.00
Net Worth		\$ 2,167.73
Net Gain for Year		\$ 121.84

Report on School Census—1953

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Between Oct. 1, 1946 and Oct. 1, 1952	162	169	331
Between Oct. 1, 1944 and Oct. 1, 1946	131	121	252
Between Oct. 1, 1936 and Oct. 1, 1944	32	31	63
Total			646

Enrollment by Grades, October 1, 1953

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Boys	28	22	23	12	22	16	24	14	11	8	5	7
Girls	27	15	18	22	15	22	18	11	13	9	10	8
Total	55	37	41	34	37	38	42	25	24	17	15	15

Resident Enrollment by Schools

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Center School	123	119
High School	69	69
Greenfield Vocational	8	0
Greenfield Jr. High	0	1
Greenfield Evening Vocational	5	0
Mount Hermon School	11	0
Northfield School for Girls	0	15
Eaglebrook	2	0

Deerfield Academy	1	0	
Brattleboro, Vt.	2	0	
Americanization Classes	1	0	
Totals	222	204	
	Boys		222
	Girls		204
	Grand Total		426

Report of High School Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as principal of Northfield High School.

The past year has seen a marked improvement in school spirit and cooperation on the part of our student body. This improvement has been due to an increased interest in student affairs and activities, the formation of a student council, and the realization of the value of a high school education in today's world.

Although our graduating class in June was the smallest for a number of years, those who graduated have kept up the interest in education beyond the secondary school. Three of the seven graduates are now receiving additional education and are doing well in their chosen fields. One graduate was accepted at the University of Massachusetts without examination. A high percentage of students attending the university are required to take College Entrance Board Examinations. This student is doing very well, which is an honor to himself and to our school. Another graduate attends Becker Junior College and was on the Dean's list during the first marking period. Two other graduates have obtained employment in the commercial field and the remaining two have entered the armed forces.

Organization and Program

During the past year there were no changes among faculty members. Because of a large seventh grade which required two divisions, most faculty members were required to teach one additional subject. Each teacher now is carrying a full load of subjects. The subject enrollments for this fall are as follows:

English 9	22	Biology	17
English 10	18	Chemistry	9
English 11	18	General Math.	16
English 12	14	Algebra I	9
Spanish I	10	Algebra II	13

Spanish II	4	Home Economics I	9
Latin I	8	Home Economics II	3
U.S. History	15	Shorthand I	11
Problems of Democracy	15	Shorthand II	3
Typewriting I	20	Bookkeeping I	8
Typewriting II	20	Office Practice	5
Art	18	Grade 7	22
Civics	23	Grade 7 ¹	21
General Science	11	Grade 8	26

Extra-Curricular Program

Good Government Day representative

DAVID MROCZEK

D.A.R. Good Citizen

BEVERLY BUFFUM

Annual Magazine Sales Drive

\$1,441.40

Boys' sports (Border League)

Basketball — tied for third

Baseball — third

Soccer — third

Girls' sports (Border League)

Basketball — third

Softball — first

Volleyball — tied for first

Twenty-four seniors and chaperons from our school and Powers Institute made the usual successful pilgrimage to Washington and New York during the April vacation. Again, it was my privilege to plan and organize the trip, thereby saving considerable tour fees previously paid.

Our yearbook, "The Review", received second place ratings in both the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the Western Massachusetts School Publications contests.

Early in the fall we started a series of weekly broadcasts of high school news by various students over Mrs. Miller's Northfield news broadcasts. They have been well received.

Commencement Program

Baccalaureate services were conducted at the Christian Advent Church in South Vernon by the Rev. Everett Moore on Sunday, June 7, 1953. Outdoor Class Day exercises were conducted in back of the high school by the graduates before an audience of students and parents on Wednesday afternoon, June 10. This was a departure from the usual procedure and proved to be very popular.

The graduation program presented at the Town Hall on Thursday, June 11, 1953, was as follows:

Processional — <i>"War March of the Priests"</i>	MENDELSSOHN
Flag Salute	AUDIENCE
Invocation	REV. JOSEPH REEVES
Solo — <i>"The Lord's Prayer"</i>	MRS. LEONARD STEBBINS
Welcome	GEORGE SHELDON
Honor Essay	JULIA NIKOLAJEVS
Honor Essay	GEORGE SHELDON
Music — <i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>	CHRISTIANSEN
<i>"Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes"</i>	KRONES
GLEE CLUB	
Announcement of Awards	PRINCIPAL, GEORGE M. LEONARD
Commencement Address — <i>"Opportunity Ahead!"</i>	DR. TRENTWELL MASON WHITE
Presentation of Diplomas	SUPERINTENDENT, F. SUMNER TURNER
Class Song — <i>"Senior Song 1932"</i>	GRADUATES
Words by MYRON JOHNSON	
School Song — <i>"Boosting"</i>	ALL STUDENTS AND ALUMNI
Benediction	REV. RICHARD SECHRIST
Recessional — <i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i>	ELGAR
Music under the direction of MRS. ALBERT RAYMOND	
Accompanist — MRS. ROBERT BARNES	

CLASS ROLL

With Honor

GEORGE WILLIAM SHELDON	JULIA NIKOLAJEVS
WILLIAM MERIT BARNES	MADELENE LUCILLE CARPENTER
BEVERLY ANN BUFFUM	CAROL ADRIENNE GALLANT
DAVID JOHN MROCZEK	

The following were the awards made at graduation time:

Becker College Key —	
for excellence in bookkeeping	JULIA NIKOLAJEVS
D.A.R. Good Citizen Award	BEVERLY BUFFUM
Bausch & Lomb Award —	
for excellence in science	GEORGE W. SHELDON
Pro Merito Certificate and Pins	GEORGE W. SHELDON
	JULIA NIKOLAJEVS
Readers Digest Award	GEORGE W. SHELDON

Financial

The following is a statement of the Northfield High School Funds for the year 1953:

**NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL — SCHOOL FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

January 1, 1953 — December 31, 1953

<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Class of 1953	\$ 606.11	\$ 1 132.85	\$ 1,738.96	\$ —
Class of 1954	227.74	1,088.42	535.09	781.07
Class of 1955	138.62	281.53	75.00	345.15
Class of 1956	174.68	115.26	60.86	229.08
Class of 1957	68.91	.35		69.26
Class of 1958		30.00	30.00	
Press Club	124.28	772.93	835.29	61.92
Glee Club	125.56	90.50	44.40	171.66
Student Council Fund	513.60	1,869.62	1,602.94	780.28
Totals	\$ 1,979.50	\$ 5,381.46	\$ 4,922.54	\$ 2,438.42

Northfield High Athletic Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 1953		\$ 62.70
Receipts:		
Admissions to games	\$ 255.50	
Donations	5.00	
		260.50
Total		\$ 323.20
Expenses:		
Officials	\$ 117.00	
Cleaning uniforms	142.90	
Transportation	50.00	
Oranges	1.62	
		\$ 311.52
Balance on hand December 31, 1953		\$ 11.68

In conclusion, may I extend my personal thanks to all of the school officials, teachers, students and citizens of Northfield for their helpful cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD, Principal

Report of Center School Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report for the Center School.

The same teaching staff and arrangement of grade placements as last year continued into the year 1953 until November first when Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, teacher of grades two and three, resigned to make her home in Florida. Mrs. Marion Grout Nau of Greenfield, with several years of substitute teaching experience, was obtained to complete the school year.

National Education Week was again observed by a combined "Open House" in connection with the P.T.A. Following a supper served in the lunch room typical of the regular school lunches, and a meeting of the P.T.A., a great number of parents and friends circulated from room to room for discussions with the teachers and observation of displays of work being done by the pupils. Many also visited the individual classrooms during the week to observe the children following the daily routine of a school day. It is also gratifying to note that many parents visited during the course of the school year. We wish to renew our standing invitation for parents and adult friends to visit our classrooms during school hours and follow with us our regular schedule of schoolwork.

Interest and effort is still being placed on dental care. Miss Genevieve Ely of the state department visited each classroom to give out pamphlets and encouragement to continue our good progress toward a higher percentage of pupils having dental work done. A graph was made showing our standings by the pupils in the sixth grade. Leading in percentage of dental certificates received were Mrs. Herrick's fourth grade, succeeded by Miss Dalton's third grade, and the present holder is Mrs. Bolton's first grade. Competition is quite keen in every classroom so we watch the progress with interest.

I wish to thank Mr. Turner, the School Committee, Miss McComb, my co-workers, and the parents and friends of our pupils for their cooperation and interest in Center School.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY T. HERRICK

MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my report as music supervisor.

The past year has been an interesting one for music in the Northfield public schools. Modern texts, integrated records, and increased enthusiasm have added much to the enjoyment of music by our boys and girls. A special effort has been made to integrate music with regular school activities. Emphasis has also been placed upon rhythm, listening, and eurhythmics. Each of the Center School classes has observed the seasons and holidays with special material and has shared its music with other classes. As an example of this activity the fifth grade put on the operetta "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdinck with properties and costumes devised by the pupils themselves.

In the High School, the Glee Club had a busy year. The presence of a good proportion of boys made for a better balance of voices than previously. The mid-winter was marked by a joint Glee Club Concert with Powers Institute of Bernardston given once in each town. Later in the spring an operetta "Chonita" was given in the Town Hall before a good-sized audience. The year was concluded with the singing of the club at graduation.

This fall our largest Glee Club to date started work for the year. Owing to the crowded conditions, a selected group from the club sang selections for the Christmas program.

Again my thanks are extended for excellent cooperation on the part of staff and pupils. I look forward to the year 1954 as one in which we shall go forward in music.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA B. RAYMOND

ART SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee:

I herewith submit this, my first report on the art education in the schools of Northfield.

It has been our policy to make the art program as flexible as possible and adaptable to the individual interests and needs of each pupil.

The basic fundamentals of drawing have been combined with the development of the creative abilities and skills to build in the child a sense of appreciation and discrimination in art as well as increased skill in drawing.

The program has been shaped to include interest both in the child who merely enjoys expressing himself graphically and the child who is already an embryo artist.

Although somewhat limited as to the time and space necessary for the well-rounded art course in the high school, we have endeavored to develop the individual abilities of the students of those classes as far as possible.

Whenever the occasion has presented itself, we have enjoyed collaborating with the teachers on class projects correlating art with the academic subjects. This has also included pupil participation in the making of posters, programs and decorations for school functions.

It has been a pleasure to work with a group of teachers who have shown such a friendly spirit of cooperation as well as individual initiative in helping to carry out the art program.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE LORING RICH

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse from January 1, 1953 through December 31, 1953.

In June the annual Pre-School Clinic was conducted with Dr. F. Wilton Dean, school physician in attendance. At this time all children entering the first grade in September were examined with each parent present.

In September dental slips were distributed in grades one through six to be taken to their family dentist filled out and returned to me. This examination by the dentist, as during the previous year, was done free of charge to encourage dental care. A large number of dental certificates have been returned to individual classrooms indicating all necessary dental care has been complete however dental defects still remain our greatest health problem in our school and can never be overly stressed.

The usual number of contagious diseases prevail in our school and this could be kept at a minimum if parents would cooperate in

not sending their ill child to school when abnormal conditions exist.

Any contagious diseases must be reported to the chairman of the Board of Health, Mr. Ernest Parker, by either the parent or family physician.

In October the Hearing and Vision testing were completed. Out of 183 students taking the Vision Test, there were 28 who failed the test. The parents of each of these children failing this test were notified.

I wish to thank Mr. Turner, Supt. of schools; Dr. F. W. Dean; the teachers in our school system; and all the parents who have made my work so pleasant by their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA E. MANKOWSKY, R.N.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

1953 has been a rather uneventful year as regards the health activities in the Northfield school system. There were no epidemics or other major health problems.

The usual physical examinations were given to all the pupils in Grades I, IV, VII, and X, and to all new pupils, and to all in the upper grades who were to participate in competitive sports. Most of the first graders were examined at the June pre-school clinic, the children being accompanied by their parents. The parents were invited in advance to all the examinations but few took advantage of this opportunity to discuss the health problems of their child with the school physician. Few defects were found during the examinations this year, defective teeth being the commonest condition found.

Tuberculin (Patch) tests were given to the majority of the high school students this fall. This is a useful test to screen the school population for tuberculosis. Only two reactors were found. Both of these were sent to the clinic in Greenfield for chest X-rays.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.

Report on Athletic Field

Appropriation \$ 400.00

Expenditures:

Labor:

Hugh S. Hayden	\$ 98.25
George Mello	35.60
Walter Shaw	37.25

\$ 171.10

Supplies:

Melvin Miller	\$ 128.00
Smead Lumber Co.	12.60
Kidder, Inc.	19.21
Spencer Brothers	3.35
W. N. Potter	4.00
F. Sumner Turner	1.05
Hamilton Cregar	3.60

\$ 171.81

Repairs:

Weidenmiller and Magovern	\$ 37.50
Morgan Garage	2.25

\$ 39.75

Total Expenditures	\$ 382.66
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Balance	\$ 17.34
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Respectfully Submitted,

Northfield School Committee

LOUIS ABBEY, Chairman
I. J. LAWRENCE, Secretary
ROY FISH

VETERANS' AGENT REPORT

Submitted herewith is a report of the Department of Veterans' Benefits for the year 1953.

Northfield has been a member of the Central Franklin County District Veterans' Service Center since its organization in 1945.

Since that time, this department has endeavored to render the proper rehabilitation services to all the veterans who have requested assistance. Some 5651 personal contacts were made during the past year. It would be impossible to list in this brief report the many varied cases to come to our attention and to break them down as applicable to the seven communities comprising the district. A detailed report has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

We have provided Veterans' Benefits (financial aid) to six needy families of Northfield representing some twelve persons. This resulted in the expenditure of \$3730 with a reimbursement of \$1850 due from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws. Proper referrals have made it possible to keep this amount at its present level.

This office has completed the recording of the discharges of the World War II veterans who have been processed via this office. These recordings have been bound in attractive volumes and are being safeguarded in a bank vault for future reference.

We should like to express our appreciation to the Selectmen of Northfield and the various other town officials who have assisted us in the past years. Our gratitude is also extended to the citizens of Northfield who by their support have made this service to their veterans possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. GAMELIN,
Veterans' Agent.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin: *Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on February 1, 1954 at ten o'clock in the A. M. then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for one year, to fill vacancy, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for one year, to fill vacancy, Town Moderator for one year, one School Committee Member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and one member of the Planning Board for five years.

The Polls will open at ten A. M. and close at eight P. M.

And you are directed also to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, February 2, 1954 as seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, and act thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954,

and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954.

Article 3. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$150.00

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$750.00

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,565.00

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or act thereon.

<i>Selectmen and Welfare Boards:</i>		Town Moderator	\$ 15
Chairman of Board	\$325 \$75	Treasurer	900
Second Member	275 75	Tax Collector	750
Third Member	275 75	Town Clerk	500
<i>Assessors:</i>		<i>School Committee:</i>	
First Member	\$250	Chairman	\$100
Second Member	250	Second Member	100
Third Member	250	Third Member	100

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town Charges, or act thereon.

Selectmen's & Welfare		Alexander Hall	175
Board Salary	\$1,100	Old Age Assistance	37,500
Selectmen's expense a/c	250	Aid to Dependent Children	5,000
Assessors' Salary	750	General Relief	5,000
Assessors' expense a/c	225	Disability Assistance	3,000
Treasurer's Salary	900	Public Welfare Adm.	2,500
Treasurer's expense a/c	400	Soldiers' Relief	3,500
Tax Collector's Salary	750	Machinery Maintenance acct.	
Tax Collector's exp. a/c	500	(Tr. from Rd. Mach. Fd.) ..	5,500
Town Clerk's Salary	500	Bridges	3,000
Town Clerk's exp. a/c	80	Election & Registrations	1,100
School Committee Salary	300	Fire & Casualty Ins.	3,000
Town Moderator's Salary	15	Interest Account	200
Town Accountant's Salary	950	Town Hall Care	4,800
Town Accountant's exp. a/c ..	75	Legal Expenses	250
Sealer Weights & Measures ..	125	Damages	200
Sealer's expense a/c	25	Town Clock & Fountain	150
Inspection of Animals	175	Town Reports	800
Dog Officer & exp.	150	Snow Remoal	5,500
Inspection of Meat &		Public Safety	25
Slaughtering	50	Protection Tax Title	
Public Health	1,250	Property	25
Schools	98,300	Highway Bounds, Surveys	
Fire Department	2,500	and Plans	250
Maintenance Water Holes	400	Wire Inspector & expense	50

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,100.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected, and the dog tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$5,100.00

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for repairs on copper gutters on the Dickinson Memorial Library, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.00

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Gypsy Moth agent for the removal of dead wood and spraying of the Town elms, to combat Dutch Elm disease, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$600.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board, and that the salary be \$500.00 in accordance with Section 4A, Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a Public Health Nurse, and substitute nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,750.00

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Public Health Nurse's expense account, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$75.00

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's car, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$550.00

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,350.00

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to resurface the road in the Center Cemetery, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$350.00

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available

funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$4,875.00 and to transfer \$7,500.00 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 and to transfer \$6,000.00 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 and to transfer \$2,000.00 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 work on Pine Meadow Bridge and approaches, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 and to transfer \$9,000.00 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$900.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay and expense, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500.00

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Road Machinery Fund to be used in trading for a new Town truck and the purchase of snow plows, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$3,600.00 from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Northfield Post of the Ameican Legion and the Northfield Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the purpose of celebrating Memorial Day, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$275.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for sixteen hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend 400.00

Article 30. To hear the report of the War Memorial Committee and take any vote or votes thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used in the purchase of fish to be liberated in streams in the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a street light on Woodruff Way (formerly Linden Avenue) near the residence of the Mayberry family and the junction of Lyman Street, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$24.00

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain three street lights on Ashuelot Road between the State Road, Route 63, and the New Hampshire state line, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$72.00

Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure cost on tax titles, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00

Article 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the playground and athletic field, this sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00 for maintenance and \$200.00 for improvement

Article 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to maintain state-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 74, General Laws, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$700.00

Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for highway work, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,000.00

Article 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in making repairs on discontinued school buildings, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.00

Article 39. To see if the Town will rescind the vote taken at the annual town meeting, February 8, 1937, donating the use of Number 6 Schoolhouse to the Dwight L. Moody Memorial Church.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to let the community have the use of the old Number 6 school building on the Gulf Road for religious purposes.

Article 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and maintenance of the fire station and town garage, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500.00

Article 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense purposes, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Civil Defense Committee, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$300.00 from the estate of Nettie E. Gilbert as a trust fund, the income to be used for the perpetual care of lot number 158 in Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 44. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$5,000.00 from overlay reserve

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend that \$20,000.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue if permission is granted by the state.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6 and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

ERNEST A. PARKER,

WILLIAM M. MARSHALL,

Selectmen of Northfield.

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